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From the Desk of the Editor-in-Chief

Dear Fellow Rotarians,

Welcome to the August edition of The Positive Disruptor, a month when Rotary places special emphasis on one of the most important pillars of our organisation: membership. Membership is not just about numbers. It is about people. It is about creating a Rotary experience where members feel welcomed, valued, connected and inspired to serve. When people find meaning in their membership, they do not simply join Rotary. They belong, participate and stay.

This edition comes at a particularly significant moment for District 9141.

The Yinka Effect

Our front burner feature, "The Yinka Effect: Bettering Our Best, Africa Leads, District 9141 Delivers," celebrates the historic ascension of our own Rotarian Olayinka Hakeem Babalola to the presidency of Rotary International. It challenges us to ask what this historic moment can inspire us to become. For District 9141, the answer must be action. Stronger clubs. Growing membership. Greater support for The Rotary Foundation. More opportunities for young leaders. Meaningful engagement with Rotaractors and projects that create meaningful impact.

Also featured in this edition is our Membership Engagement Committee, its structure and modus operandi, and its commitment to giving fresh impetus to membership growth and retention. But growth alone is not enough. We must create club experiences that make people want to join, participate and remain. When members are satisfied with their club experience and feel that their contributions matter, they become more committed to Rotary and more willing to invite others to join our cause.

Telling Our Story

Across District 9141, our clubs continue to deliver service projects that touch lives and transform communities. We must also tell these stories effectively. Every life changed and every community touched is a story worth sharing. When we tell our story well, we do more than improve our public image. We inspire others to become part of the Rotary story.

Positive Disruptors

As always, The Positive Disruptor will continue to shine a light on the good things happening across our District. We will especially seek out new and lesser known clubs doing remarkable work, celebrating Rotarians who are challenging the status quo, embracing new ideas and making a difference in their communities. Some of the most inspiring Rotary stories may not come from the biggest clubs or the most visible projects. They often come from ordinary Rotarians quietly doing extraordinary things.

To all our readers, contributors and Rotarians across District 9141, thank you for being part of this journey.

Happy Membership Development Month, and happy reading!

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DISTRICT GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE

My dear Rotarians and Rotaractors,

Membership is the heartbeat of Rotary. Every new member brings fresh energy, additional volunteer hours, greater financial strength, new ideas, and more lives touched through service. A new member is not just another name on our register—they are an asset to Rotary, to the club, and to every member. Strong clubs do not happen by chance; they are built intentionally. As Rotary International President Yinka H. Babalola reminds us to Better Our Best, let us ask ourselves: Who is missing in our clubs? Who should have been our member but has not yet been invited? The answer to those questions could be the beginning of our next chapter of growth. Let us better our best by building clubs we are proud to belong to.

Membership growth is also about extending Rotary's reach. Let us embrace different club models to take Rotary to underserved communities across our district. Where the numbers are not yet sufficient to charter a new club, let us establish a Satellite Club, nurture it with care, and grow it into a strong and vibrant Rotary club. Every community deserves the opportunity to experience the fellowship and impact of Rotary.

Our goal this Rotary year is clear—1,500 net new Rotarians and 500 net new Rotaractors. While these numbers may appear ambitious, they become remarkably achievable if every Rotarian and every Rotaractor decides today to invite just one prospective member to a club meeting, follows through, and ensures that prospect becomes part of our organisation. Great achievements are simply the result of many individual commitments.

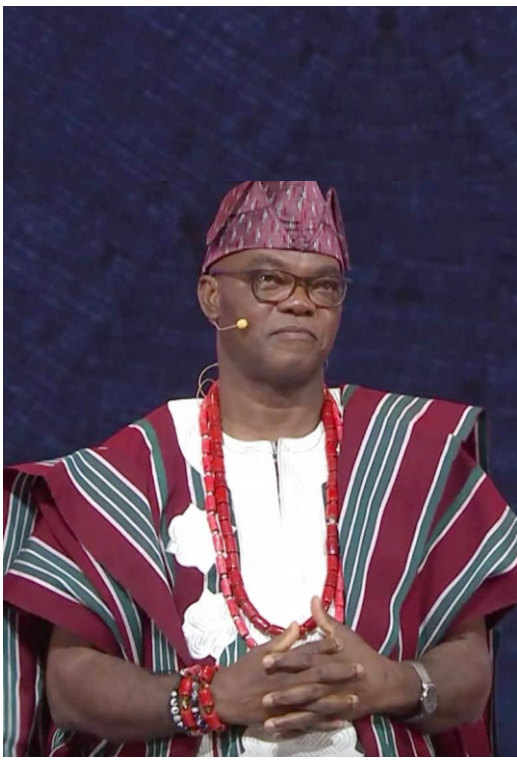
As the home district of our Rotary International President, let us make his vision of a stronger Rotary visible to the world. It begins with us. Strengthen your club by paying your dues promptly, participating actively, and creating an experience that attracts and retains good people. Let each of us become a voice of encouragement to a fellow member, inspiring confidence and commitment rather than creating doubt or discouragement. Strong clubs are built by members who lift one another.

This August, I challenge every Rotarian and Rotaractor to take personal responsibility for Rotary's growth. Invite one person. Sponsor one person. Mentor one person. Together, we will better our best, build stronger clubs, create lasting impact, and make District 9141 the benchmark for Rotary growth and excellence across the world.

Yours in Rotary,

Tony Olikagu
District Governor
Rotary International District 9141, 2026–27

PRESIDENTIAL MESSAGE



RI President's Message

Peace does not happen by accident. It must be pursued deliberately, built strategically, and woven intentionally into everything we do. That is the challenge I am placing before the Rotary world this year.

Rotary recognizes peacebuilding as one of our areas of focus. But I believe peace must be more than a category of work we set aside for certain projects. It must become a lens, one we choose to look through every time we plan, every time we serve, every time we ask what kind of impact we truly want to leave behind.

The Institute for Economics and Peace has identified eight Pillars of Positive Peace: well-functioning government, a sound business environment, equitable distribution of resources, acceptance of the rights of others, good relations with neighbors, free flow of information, high levels of human capital, and low levels of corruption. These pillars describe the conditions that make lasting peace possible. And when I look at them carefully, I see enormous potential for Rotary. Not because our work automatically advances peace but because it can when we are deliberate about it.

That is the key word: deliberate.

A water project does not build peace on its own. But a water project designed with the Pillars of Positive Peace in mind — one that asks how equitable access to resources strengthens community trust — can begin to lay that foundation. A vocational training program does not guarantee reconciliation. But one that intentionally brings divided communities together around shared economic opportunity can start to build it. The project does not change. The intention does.

In Colombia, Rotary's Pathways to Peace and Prosperity program shows us what this looks like in practice. Working in communities shaped by decades of armed conflict and displacement, the program combines economic empowerment with conflict resolution training and community-led reconciliation. Peace was not a hoped-for side effect. It was central to the design. That is the standard I am calling all of us to follow.

As you plan your next project, whatever the focus area, I want you to pause and ask one question: How does this create the conditions for peace? Consult the Pillars of Positive Peace. Find where your work connects. Then, make that connection intentional. Share what you discover with your club, your district, and your community. The more we talk about peace as a practice rather than a destination, the more naturally it will shape everything we do.

This is not about doing different work. It is about doing our work differently, with greater awareness, greater purpose, and a clearer vision of the world we are trying to build. Every Rotary project carries potential. Our task is to unlock it, not by chance but by choice.

YINKA
President, Rotary International

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THE YINKA EFFECT: BETTERING OUR BEST, AFRICA LEADS, DISTRICT 9141 DELIVERS

Turning a Historic Rotary Presidency into a Movement for Impact



By PAG Blessing Timothy
District Chairman, Yinka Effect Sub-Committee

Some moments in the life of an organisation are bigger than the moment itself. They create inspiration, awaken possibilities and challenge people to achieve more.

For Rotary in Africa, the 2026–2027 Rotary year is one of such moments.

On 1 July 2026, Rotarian Olayinka Hakeem Babalola, fondly known as Yinka, assumed office as President of Rotary International. His presidency represents not just a personal achievement, but a significant moment for Rotary and Africa.

But the real question is not simply what Yinka's presidency represents. The bigger question is: What can this historic moment inspire us to achieve?

That possibility is what we call THE YINKA EFFECT.

The Yinka Effect is the ripple created when the leadership, passion and the example of one person inspire others to do more, give more, serve more and become more committed to the ideals of Rotary.

It is about turning inspiration into action and action into measurable impact.

Interestingly, the expression has gained recognition beyond District 9141. Rotary International itself has

referred to "the Yinka effect" in describing the energy around President Yinka's leadership and its influence on membership, Rotary Foundation contributions and more.

The Yinka Effect, therefore, must not be seen merely as a campaign. It is a movement.

At the heart of this movement is the powerful challenge: BETTERING OUR BEST!

The challenge is simple: whatever we are doing, we must strive to do it better.

Yinka's presidency also provides an opportunity to change the narrative about Africa. Africa is often described through the lens of its challenges. But Africa is also a continent of resilience, creativity, innovation and leadership.

The Yinka Effect provides an opportunity for African Rotarians to demonstrate that Africa can lead, innovate, mobilise resources and deliver solutions.

President Yinka's own Rotary journey is evidence of this possibility. Beginning his Rotary journey through Rotaract and eventually rising to the highest office in Rotary International, his story demonstrates what leadership, commitment and service can achieve.

DISTRICT 9141 DELIVERS

For District 9141, the moment carries an even greater responsibility.

The district is home to the Rotary Club of Trans Amadi, President Yinka's Rotary club. It, therefore, has a unique opportunity to transform the excitement surrounding the presidency into tangible results.

The district must not merely celebrate the presidency. The district must deliver.

This means growing membership, strengthening clubs, increasing support for The Rotary Foundation, engaging Rotaractors, developing young leaders and delivering projects that create sustainable community impact.

This is the essence of our rallying call: BETTERING OUR BEST! AFRICA LEADS, DISTRICT 9141 DELIVERS.

Growing Rotary, Strengthening the Foundation

Two critical pillars of the Yinka Effect are membership growth and support for The Rotary Foundation.

Every Rotarian can become an ambassador for Rotary. Every club can become a centre for recruitment, engagement and leadership development.

Similarly, supporting The Rotary Foundation is an investment in humanitarian impact. Every contribution helps Rotary create opportunities for communities around the world.

The incentives and campaigns associated with the Yinka Effect may create excitement, but they are not the ultimate objective.

The real prize is a stronger Rotary.
More members.
More giving.
More service.
More sustainable 120

How can Rotarians key in?

The Yinka Effect initiative is designed to strengthen the Rotary Foundation giving, promote membership growth, and encourage member retention across District 9141.

It provides opportunities with huge incentives for members giving, which includes:

- Donate US$500 to The Rotary Foundation and receive a raffle ticket for a chance to win a Toyota Camry
- Sponsor 2 fully paid members for the 2026/2027 Rotary year annual dues paid and receive a raffle ticket for a chance to win a double-door refrigerator
- Clubs that achieve a retention rate of 90% and above will have the opportunity to win ₦1 million.

The promo period lasts from 1 July 2026 to 10 June 2027, while club retention assessment period will last from 1 July, 2026 to 30 June 2027.

Rotary clubs within the district are encouraged to nominate one member to serve as the club's Yinka Effect Ambassador and send the name and WhatsApp number to 08175655976.

This initiative is part of efforts to achieve Rotary International's aim of

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increasing memberships and strengthening Rotary clubs as they continue to create lasting impact.

A Legacy Beyond 2027

The greatest measure of the Yinka Effect will not be what happens during the 2026–2027 Rotary year alone.

It will be what remains after the presidency.

When President Yinka's term ends on 30 June 2027, the question should not simply be, "What happened during Yinka's year?"

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Did our clubs become stronger?

Did membership grow?

Did Foundation giving increase?

Did Rotaractors find stronger pathways into Rotary?

Did we develop more young leaders?

Did our communities experience meaningful and sustainable transformation?

If the answer is yes, then the Yinka Effect will have achieved its purpose.

The Call Is Ours

The Yinka Effect does not belong to President Yinka alone.
It belongs to every Rotarian who chooses to participate.
It belongs to the Rotarian who sponsors a new member, the club that takes on a transformative project, the Rotarian who gives to The Rotary Foundation, the leader who mentors a young person and the Rotaractor who sees Rotary as a pathway to lifelong service and leadership.

President Yinka has answered the call to lead Rotary International.

Now, the call is ours.

The call to grow.

The call to give.
The call to serve.
The call to mentor.
The call to create lasting impact.
The Yinka Effect has begun.

How far it reaches will depend on what each of us chooses to do.

Let us BETTER OUR BEST.

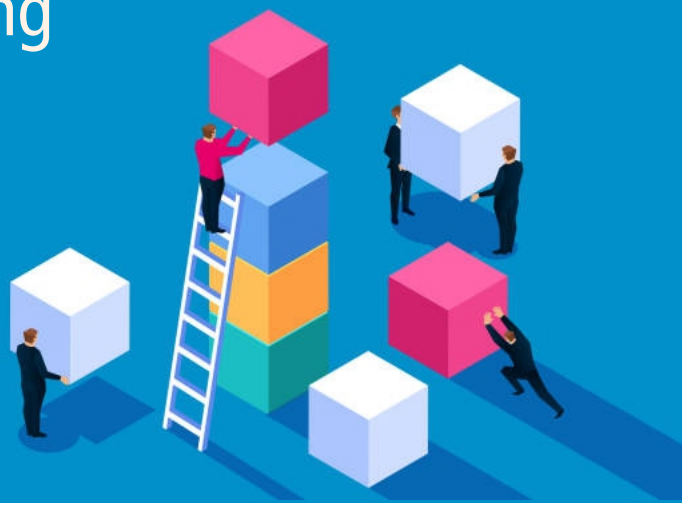
Let AFRICA LEAD.

And let DISTRICT 9141 DELIVER.

This is the Yinka Effect.
This is our moment.
This is our opportunity to create a legacy of lasting impact.



District 9141 Enhancing Participant Engagement Committee: Building Stronger Clubs



By Rtn Precy Babalola

Chair District 9141 Enhancing Participant Engagement Committee 2026-2027

Rotary has always been more than an organization. It is a fellowship of people united by a common desire to create lasting change in our communities and around the world. While our service projects define our impact, it is our people who define our strength. Every successful Rotary club is built upon members who feel welcomed, valued, respected, connected, and inspired to serve.

Recognizing this reality, Rotary International has broadened its approach from Diversity, Equity and Inclusion (DEI) to the more comprehensive framework of Enhancing Participant Engagement. This evolution is not a departure from Rotary's core values; rather, it is an intentional step toward ensuring that every participant experiences Rotary in a meaningful and fulfilling way.

The emphasis is no longer simply on who is present in our clubs. It is equally about how people experience Rotary once they arrive. Do they feel a sense of belonging? Are they encouraged to contribute? Are their ideas respected? Are barriers to participation removed? Do they find opportunities to develop as leaders, build friendships, and make a difference through service? These are the questions that define participant engagement.

In response to this strategic direction, District 9141 has established the Enhancing Participant Engagement Committee. The Committee has been entrusted with a three-year mandate to work alongside clubs in strengthening Rotary's culture, improving member experiences, and supporting sustainable club excellence across the district.

Our purpose is clear: to help every Rotary Club become a place where people not only join, but also choose to remain because they feel connected to Rotary's mission, inspired by its fellowship, and empowered to serve.

The Committee will work collaboratively with the District Governor, Assistant Governors, Club Presidents, district committees, and every Rotarian to build welcoming club cultures, promote accessibility, encourage meaningful participation, strengthen leadership development, and enhance fellowship. We believe that participant engagement is not the responsibility of one committee alone—it is a shared responsibility that belongs to every Rotarian.

When members feel that they belong, they participate more actively. When they participate, they build stronger friendships. Strong friendships strengthen fellowship. Strong fellowship inspires service. Effective service enhances Rotary's public image, attracts new members, and creates lasting impact within our communities. Participant engagement therefore lies at the heart of Rotary's ability to grow, adapt, and serve.

Over the next three years, the Committee will support clubs by providing practical resources, training, guidance, and

opportunities for continuous improvement. Among its key initiatives will be leadership development programmes, engagement workshops, accessibility awareness, mentorship initiatives, fellowship enhancement, recognition of best practices, and the promotion of innovative approaches to club participation.

One of the Committee's flagship initiatives will be the introduction of the District 9141 Club Excellence & Participant Engagement Index (CEPEI). The CEPEI has been designed as a supportive self-improvement framework that enables clubs to assess their current strengths, identify opportunities for growth, and measure progress throughout the Rotary year.

It is important to understand that the CEPEI is not an inspection, compliance exercise, or competition between clubs. Rather, it is a practical management tool that encourages reflection, planning, and continuous improvement. Each club will establish its own baseline, implement targeted actions, and celebrate measurable progress. The goal is not to compare clubs, but to help every club become the very best version of itself.

The Committee also recognizes that every Rotary club is unique. Clubs differ in their size, history, membership profile, and community context. For this reason, our approach will be one of partnership rather than prescription. We will listen, learn, and work with clubs to identify solutions that are practical, sustainable, and aligned with Rotary's values.

As part of its three-year strategic plan, the Committee envisions a District 9141 where every club is known for its welcoming culture, vibrant fellowship, effective leadership, meaningful service, and commitment to accessibility. We aspire to build a district in which members are proud to invite others to Rotary because they know they will be welcomed, respected, and given opportunities to contribute.

The benefits of this initiative extend far beyond individual clubs. Stronger clubs create a stronger district. Higher member satisfaction leads to improved retention. Better engagement increases participation in district programmes and service projects. Effective leadership development prepares the next generation of Rotary leaders. Enhanced collaboration between clubs strengthens fellowship and expands our collective impact. Ultimately, our communities benefit because engaged Rotarians are better equipped to deliver meaningful and sustainable service.

This initiative also aligns closely with Rotary International's Action Plan by strengthening participant engagement, increasing our capacity to adapt, expanding our reach, and enhancing our impact. As we continue to evolve, we must remain intentional in creating club environments where every participant can thrive.

The success of this Committee will not be measured by the number of meetings it holds or the number of reports it produces. It will be measured by stronger clubs, happier members, improved retention, more effective leadership, deeper fellowship, greater accessibility, and communities that experience an even greater Rotary impact.

We therefore invite every Club President, Assistant Governor, committee chair, and every Rotarian across District 9141 to join us on this journey. Let us embrace this opportunity to strengthen our clubs, enrich the Rotary experience, and build a culture where every participant is encouraged to grow, lead, and serve.

Together, we can create clubs where every guest feels welcome, every member feels valued, every leader inspires others, and every act of service reflects the very best of Rotary.

Participant engagement is not simply a committee programme—it is the foundation of stronger clubs, stronger fellowship, stronger leadership, and stronger communities. Together, let us build a District 9141 where every participant belongs, every club excels, and every community experiences the enduring impact of Rotary's Service Above Self.

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A Young Nigerian Rotarian Makes History Through Poetry



A HEART OF GOLD

From villages small to nations afar,
Rotary heals and raises the bar.
Polio we fight,
Pushing darkness from sight,
Hero by hero, our deeds leave a scar... of good.

This is one of the poems that won the Global Rotary Poetry Award at the 2026 Rotary International Convention in Taipei.

This award-winning limerick, "A Heart of Gold," was selected from over 350 global entries, standing out for its simplicity, emotional depth, and powerful reflection of Rotary's mission—service above self, compassion, and the relentless fight against polio.

Rotarian Onajite Helen Erhiekpere etched her name in history as the first Nigerian Rotarian to win the Rotary International Poetry Award 2026 at the Rotary International Convention in Taipei. She brought global honour to the Rotary Club of Warri, District 9141, barely one year after joining the club.

A Moment of Global Recognition

The award was received on her behalf in Taipei on the 13th of June 2026, by the PROMAX PDG Anthony O. Woghiren, who received it from Past Rotary International President Stephanie Urchick.
On 14 July 2026, during a special presentation at the Rotary Club of Warri, PDG Woghiren formally handed over the honour to her. In a symbolic gesture of pride and recognition, he presented her with three distinguished Rotary pins from Florida, USA—the Rotary Wheel, United for Good, and End Polio Now pins—alongside the official United for Good headscarf.

He described her achievement as a defining moment for District 9141 and Nigeria at large, encouraging her to establish a Rotary Poetry Club to nurture young creative

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voices and further promote Rotary ideals through literature.

The celebration continued on 1 August 2026, during the installation ceremony of President Rotarian Wardah Marshall Mume. In recognition of her global achievement, President Mume presented Rtn. Onajite with a Special Presidential Recognition Award, honouring her for elevating the Rotary Club of Warri on the international stage.

"Rotary Gave Me a Global Identity"

Reflecting on her journey, Rtn. Onajite says, "Rotary has given me a top-notch identity. Through Rotary, I have found a global platform to serve humanity, tell inspiring stories through poetry, and remain United for Good. It is a journey that continues to create lasting impact through service and giving. Indeed, Rotary is beautiful."

She extended heartfelt appreciation to Rotary International Past President Stephanie Urchick, IPDG Anthony O. Woghiren, and all Nigerian Rotarians who proudly represented the nation and who raised the Nigerian flag in her honour when it was announced in Taipei 2026.

Special recognition was given to Rtn Chris Iyovwaye, Rtn. Wardah Marshall Mume, Rtn. Regina Edukugho, PDG Henry Ejumudo, and AG Bridget Ideji, her former Public Image Chair, for her early support and visibility.

She also appreciated fellow Rotarians, including Rtn. Patience Olley, PAG Happy Apai; her family - Mr. Ogheneochuko Erhiekpere, Mrs Emuobome Harriet & her four kids and Mr Oghenero Erhiekpere.

Her church family at Word of Life Bible Church, were not left out especially her spiritual father and mentor, former CAN/PFN President, His Eminence PAPA Ayo Oritsejafor, as well as her professional colleagues, the golf community, the Ladies Golf Association of Nigeria (South-South), Chief Moses Odibo amongst others.

Rtn Onajite, a health and fitness professional, physiotherapeutic masseuse, lady golfer, and poet, traces her love for writing back to her teenage years at NNPC Staff Primary School, Warri.

For her, poetry has always been more than art—it is a voice, a bridge, and a calling. She affirms her commitment to continue using her talents, voice, and platform to serve humanity and to create lasting impact.

One young Rotarian. One powerful voice. One global impact.





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Membership Corner

Growing Rotary, One Invitation at a Time

Rtn. Nkeiru Enyia
District Membership Chair



Membership is the heartbeat of every Rotary club. Every new member brings fresh ideas, new energy, and greater opportunities to create lasting impact in our communities.

The month of August in Rotary is the membership and Club development month, and Rotarians are charged to intentionally share the Rotary story. Invite a colleague, friend, neighbour, or business associate to experience the fellowship and service that make Rotary unique. A simple invitation could be the beginning of a life-changing journey.

Remember:

- Every member is a membership ambassador.
- Recruitment is important, but engagement and retention are essential.
- Welcome new members warmly, involve them in meaningful service, and help them feel they truly belong.

Together, let's build stronger clubs, stronger communities, and a stronger Rotary.

AUGUST MEMBERSHIP MONTH INCENTIVES

Every invitation has the power to transform lives—and could make you our next grand prize winner!

Sponsor two brand new Rotarians and earn one raffle ticket for a chance to win a TCL 55" UHD 4K Smart Television, plus a Certificate of Recognition, branded mug, and District T-shirt.

How to Qualify:

- Sponsor two brand new members
- Submit evidence of full dues payment
- Send the Rotary ID numbers
- Provide the sponsor's name
- Include your club name

The promotion period is from 1 August – 11 September 2026

The more members you sponsor, the more chances you have to win!

Every two new members equals one raffle ticket for the draw at the Vibrant Club Workshop.

This is an opportunity to strengthen clubs, expand Rotary's impact, and for members to be recognized for their commitment to membership growth.

"Let's grow our clubs, create lasting impact, and celebrate our Membership Champions!"

Hurray!

In the month of July,

4 New Clubs

were chartered:

1. **Rotary Club of Port Harcourt Legacy.**
2. **Rotary Club of Port Harcourt Impact.**
3. **Satellite Club of Rotary Club of Choba Uniport of Andoni.**
4. **Rotary Club of Asaba Legacy**

Public Image: The Engine of Membership Growth

By Rtn Eberechi Eke-Okoro
District Public Image Chair, 2026–2027

August is Membership Month in Rotary—a timely reminder that growing our membership begins with telling our story.

Public Image and membership go hand in hand. People are inspired to join Rotary not because we simply invite them but because they see the impact we make. Every service project, every act of kindness, every youth programme, and every community transformation is an opportunity to showcase Rotary in action.

In today's digital world, visibility builds credibility. Clubs that consistently share quality stories, photos, and videos create awareness, inspire confidence, and attract people who want to serve. At the same time, celebrating our achievements strengthens member pride and encourages every Rotarian to become an ambassador for our organization.

As we observe Membership Month, every club should ask: If someone searched for our club today, what would they discover?

A vibrant Public Image strategy is one of the most effective membership strategies. Let us share our stories promptly, engage the media, maintain active social media platforms, and highlight the lives we touch.

When our communities see Rotary's impact, membership growth becomes a natural outcome.

This August, let us remember: Every Rotarian is a storyteller. Every project is an invitation. Every story told is a potential new member gained.

Together, let us strengthen Rotary's Public Image, grow our membership, and continue Creating Lasting Impact.

Rotary Club Of Yenagoa Sunshine, Others Increase Membership Drive, Holds Media Chat With Media Executives In Yenagoa.



District 9141 Governor, Rotarian Anthony Chibueze Olikagu says the District focused on creating lasting impact is open for collaboration with meaningful individuals, group and government agencies to deepen service to humanity.

Rotarian Olikagu who spoke in Yenagoa during the Rotary Media Chat with the theme: "Telling the Rotary Story: Building Media Partnerships for Community Impact" organised by Rotary Club of Yenagoa Sunshine,Rotary Club of Yenagoa City Centre, Rotary Club of Ox bow lake, and the Rotaract Club of Yenagoa Prestige noted that "The media is a strategic partner. With population explosions, the challenges of society multiply. That calls for more hands on the deck to serve humanity through Rotary," he said, urging media practitioners to join Rotary to "write your name in gold by touching lives."

The District Governor stated that Bayelsa with 183 Rotarians across 11 clubs has produced two of the 10 District Governors in the BRED District covering Bayelsa, Rivers, Edo and Delta states and need a deliberate effort to canvas for more persons to join.

District Membership Chair 2026-2027, Enyia Nkeiru Florence in her welcome address highlighted that the impact that is left uncommunicated remains unknown beyond direct beneficiaries, hence the need for timely, factual and human-centered reporting of Rotary projects.

Past District Governor, Mightyman Dikuro, said Rotary's challenge has not been lacking in projects but lack of storytelling.

"Rotary has been doing a lot of work quietly in communities, in education, health, water, sanitation and youth empowerment. But these stories are not being told," the PDG Dikuro said.

He urged journalists to go beyond reporting donations to capturing the human angle — the child who can now learn, the mother who can now access healthcare.

Rotarian Dikuro disclosed that Rotary International, founded in 1917 with net assets of about $1.7 billion and annual inflow of $250 million, funds its interventions through The Rotary Foundation. He listed current interventions to include a $30,000 flood relief

package and a disaster relief grant for victims of gas spillage in Bile Community, Rivers State.

He also announced the Rotary Youth Academy for ages 15-25, scheduled for October 21-25, 2026, with training in AI, entrepreneurship and other skills.

The Commissioner for Information, Orientation and Strategy, Hon. Mrs Ebiowou Koku-Obiyai, who was represented by Rotarian Sheriff Hussain, described Rotary's partnership with the media as being as important as the survival of the organization itself.

According to her, Rotary has for years delivered quiet but far-reaching interventions in health, education, water and sanitation, yet the human stories behind those projects remain largely untold.

"Media should tell the story of Rotary because it is the story of us. This Ministry will tell the story of what Rotary is doing in Bayelsa," she said.

The Commissioner described the media chat, the first of its kind in Bayelsa, as a shift from routine installation ceremonies to deliberate bonding between government, the people, Rotary and the media.

She noted that documenting impact is key to inspiring more service and attracting more hands to humanitarian work.

Rotarians including Presidents of Rotary Club of Yenagoa Sunshine, Rotarian Onyanye Edgar Kunle-Olowu, Oxbow Lake, Rotarian Ndokita Rume and Rotary Club of Yenagoa City Centre, Rotarian Harry Porbeni, highlighted ongoing projects in the state, including water provision at Bayelsa Medical University, donation of children's playroom and a phototherapy light machine to the pediatric ward at the Niger Delta University Teaching Hospital (NDUTH) in Okolobiri, beautification of the pediatric ward at FMC Yenagoa and planned renovation of Edepie Community Primary Healthcare Centre.

The event, hosted by Rotary Club of Yenagoa Sunshine,Ox bow lake, Yenagoa City Centre and Rotaract Club of Prestige all in Bayelsa, ended with a renewed commitment for sustained collaboration between the state government, Rotary and the media to amplify stories of community impact.











> Rotary has for years delivered quiet but far-reaching interventions in health, education, water and sanitation, yet the human stories behind those projects remain largely untold.

Shine The Light Of Rotary For Others To See And Join



In the month of August, Rotary focuses on membership and club development. It provides an opportunity for Rotary Clubs to look both inwards and outwards.

Inwards - to do a welfare check on members satisfaction to see areas of improvements to give them a better and richer club experience and also outwards - to attract new persons who are Rotarians at heart to formally join the fold.

In so doing, the President, Rotary Club of Yenagoa Sunshine, Rotarian Onyanye Edgar Kunle-Olowu, phf led some members to visit Mr. Ifeanyi Ukoha, General Manager Zonal Coordination, Nigerian Content Development and Monitoring Board (NCDMB) NCDMB to increase visibility, membership drive and donations.

Mr. Ifeanyi Ukoha graciously contributed the sum of 100,000 to the Polio Fund and pledged support for the clubs activity on peace and conflict resolution.

"We intend to strengthen this, leveraging on our members who are staff of NCDMB. Thanks to PAG Uche Onyekaonwu and Rtn Oyinke Porbeni for your support." President Onyanye Edgar Kunle-Olowu added.





> An impact that is not communicated remains unknown beyond its direct beneficiaries, hence the need for timely, factual and human-centred reporting of Rotary projects.

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JUNE 10TH - 13TH, 2027

WARRI, DELTA STATE

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REGISTRATION CATEGORIES

REGISTRATION PERIOD	ROTARIANS	ROTARACTORS
JULY 1ST - 25TH, 2026	EARLY BIRD ₦50,000	EARLY BIRD ₦25,000
JULY 26TH - 31ST DECEMBER, 2026	NORMAL REGISTRATION ₦70,000	NORMAL REGISTRATION ₦35,000
JANUARY. 1ST 2027 - MARCH. 31ST, 2027	LATE REGISTRATION ₦100,000	LATE REGISTRATION ₦50,000

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OUR CLUBS
News from

12 Clubs. 1 Impact.

Service Above Self



50 indigent pregnant women received delivery kits at the Maternal & Child Health Project organised by the 12 Rotary Clubs of Asaba at the Public Health Center, Issele-Asagba.

The day began with a courtesy visit to the Traditional Ruler of Issele-Asagba Ḳingdom at his palace.

His Royal Majesty Obi Ikechukwu Chukwuemeka Christopher Ugbomah II expressed deep appreciation to Rotary for their continuous service and impact in the community, especially in his domain.

Activities at the health centre included:

1. Health talk on maternal care and safe delivery
2. Antenatal checks carried out on expectant mothers
3. Distribution of delivery kits to 50 indigent pregnant women

The beneficiaries expressed heartfelt appreciation to Rotary, noting that the support came at a critical time due to the rising cost of healthcare items. The joy on the faces of the women said it all. They thanked Rotary for coming through for them at the point of their greatest need.

This is what happens when we unite as people of action. Together, we are saving lives and building healthier families in our communities.

The project recorded a high turnout of Rotarians from all 12 Asaba clubs, demonstrating unity and the power of collaboration in Rotary.







News From Our Clubs



Rotary Club Of Warri Trains Traditional Birth Attendants On Safe Delivery Practices

By Rtn Onajite Helen Erhiekpere

The Rotary Club of Warri proudly launched its Safe Mother, Healthy Child Project with a two-day capacity-building programme for 34 Traditional Birth Attendants (TBAs) in Warri with the aim of improving maternal and child health outcomes within the community.

President of the club, Rtn. Wardah Marshall Mume highlighting Rotary's commitment to reducing maternal and infant mortality through education, collaboration, and community service encouraged the participant to adopt safe delivery practices and strengthen referrals to healthcare facilities whenever complications arise.

The training emphasised:

- The role of Traditional Birth Attendants in promoting safe motherhood.
- Recognition of danger signs during pregnancy, labour, and after delivery.
- Importance of timely referral to health facilities.
- Basic hygiene and infection prevention practices.
- Effective collaboration between TBAs and healthcare professionals.

The training also focused on strengthening participants' practical skills and deepening their understanding of safe maternal and newborn healthcare as participants were trained to:

- Identify danger signs during pregnancy, labour, delivery, and the postpartum period.
- Safe delivery practices and infection prevention and control.
- Immediate newborn care and essential postnatal practices.
- Timely referral of high-risk pregnancies and obstetric emergencies.
- Effective communication and counselling of pregnant women and their families.
- Strengthening collaboration between Traditional Birth Attendants and healthcare professionals.

Participants demonstrated a significantly improved understanding of the importance of:

- Early antenatal care.
- Skilled birth attendance.
- Proper hygiene and infection prevention during childbirth.
- Accurate documentation and record-keeping.
- Prompt referral of complicated cases to healthcare facilities.



- How to fill the referral forms

Facilitators emphasized the critical role TBAs play in bridging the gap between communities and the formal healthcare system, encouraging them to become advocates for safe motherhood by collaborating closely with healthcare providers to improve maternal and newborn health outcomes and in turn reduce maternal and neonatal mortality .

The training was held in partnership with the Warri South local government council and primary health centres in Warri South.

Rtn Wardah Marshall Mume noted that the club will continue to monitor the TBAs to ensure the number of referrals increased before reviewing the programme, as the target is to reduce the rate of maternal mortality

Particpants expressed appreciation for the training, noting that it would help improve maternal and child healthcare practices in the community.

The sessions were interactive, allowing participants to ask questions, share experiences, and discuss common challenges encountered in their communities. Educational materials were also distributed to reinforce the key messages.



Rotary Club Of Ubeji Empowers 50 Expectant Mothers With Delivery Kits



The Rotary Club of Ubeji in partnership with the Rotary Club of Warri Trailblazers, empowered 50 expectant mothers in the riverine communities of Ode-Itshekiri and Orugbo with essential delivery kits and maternal care item.

The beneficiaries also received vital health education on safe pregnancy, childbirth, and newborn care.

Demonstrating a strong commitment to The Rotary Foundation, every member of the Rotary Club of Ubeji contributed a minimum of US$5, while additional donations were made to the Polio Plus Fund, reinforcing Rotary's global commitment to ending polio.

In strengthening the club's membership base, the club also welcomed two new members into the Rotary family, further expanding its capacity for fellowship and service.

President of the Club Rtn. Daniel Ololo noted that these achievements reflect a club united in purpose and determined to turn Rotary's ideals into tangible results. Through community service, Foundation giving, the fight against polio, and membership growth, the club set a strong pace for the new Rotary year.

He added that as the year progresses, the Rotary Club of Ubeji remains committed to transforming lives and building a lasting legacy through SERVICE ABOVE SELF.





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- ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE (AI)
- A STRONG PATHWAY INTO INTERACT, ROTARACT, AND ROTARY AS PART OF THE DISTRICT'S MEMBERSHIP PIPELINE.

FRIDAY 18TH TO SUNDAY 20TH DEC. 2026

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News From Our Clubs

Rotary Club Of Agbor Holds Maternal And Child Health Advocacy In Abavo Community

Cervical Cancer Vaccination, Health Talks & Relief Items Delivered To 70 Women



A total of 38 nursing mothers and 32 pregnant women in Abavo community, Ika South Local Government Area of Delta State, benefitted from the maternal and child health advocacy outreach by the Rotary Club of Agbor.

The event which held at the Abavo Central Primary Health Care Centre attracted a large turnout of community members including expectant mothers, nursing mothers, the aged, and youths.

It featured expert-led awareness talks on Antenatal and Postnatal Care by Nurse Rita Irabor, an intending Rotarian; Exclusive Breastfeeding by Rtn. Charles Oloriegbe a nurse and Past President, RC Agbor; and Cervical Cancer Prevention by Rtn. Prof. Alex Naiho, President, RC Agbor.

The beneficiaries had:

- HPV Vaccination for eligible women
- Distribution of Multivitamins and Hematinics
- Distribution of Diapers to all babies present

The service which was supported by 10 Rotarians and 13 members of the Intending Rotaract Club of UNIDEL Elite was greeted with lots of excitement as the women had opportunity to ask questions on pertinent maternal health issues.







News From Our Clubs

Rotary Clubs Of Effurun, Bendel Estate, Effurun City Centre Donate Delivery Kits To 50 Indigent Mothers as RC Effurun Empowers Entrepreneurs At Installation Of 42nd President.



On 1st July 2026, the Rotary Club of Effurun in collaboration with the Rotary Club of Bendel Estate and Rotary Club of Effurun City Centre, demonstrated Rotary's spirit of service by donating 50 delivery kits to indigent pregnant women at Ugborikoko Primary Health Centre, Effurun.

The outreach, held in recognition of Maternal and Child Health care, one of Rotary's Seven Areas of Focus, aimed to support expectant mothers with essential maternity supplies and contribute to safer childbirth experiences.

Many beneficiaries expressed heartfelt gratitude, sharing that they had been unable to afford basic maternity requirements and offered prayers for God's blessings upon Rotary and its members.

Furthermore, as a way of demonstrating leadership that celebrates by creating opportunities and transforming lives, the Rotary Club of Effurun celebrated the installation of its 42nd President, Rtn. Stephen Arebogha, by empowering 12 indigent beneficiaries with ₦100,000 each to start or expand small businesses.

The initiative promotes economic independence, entrepreneurship and sustainable livelihoods, reflecting Rotary's commitment to Service Above Self and community development.

The president reiterated that Rotary remains committed to touching lives and creating meaningful change through service and creating lasting impact in communities and around the world.







News From Our Clubs

How Rotary Clubs Improve Maternal Health Outcomes Through 'Healthy Mothers, Healthy Babies' Initiative in Rivers State, Nigeria.



For many pregnant women in low-resource communities, access to basic maternal healthcare supplies can make the difference between a safe delivery and preventable complications.

Recognising this need, the Rotary Clubs of Port Harcourt Odili Meadow and Port Harcourt Municipal in southern Nigeria joined forces to deliver hope through the Healthy Mothers, Healthy Babies Initiative, a community outreach designed to support expectant and nursing mothers.

Held at the Oginigba Primary Healthcare Centre in Rivers State, Nigeria, the initiative provided delivery kits, essential medicines, vitamins, folic acid, insecticide-treated mosquito nets, antiseptics, toiletries and newborn care items to more than 100 expectant and nursing mothers.

The project aligns with Rotary's Area of Focus on Maternal and Child Health, which seeks to expand access to quality healthcare for mothers and children while reducing preventable maternal and infant deaths.

For many beneficiaries, the support represented far more than donated supplies. It offered relief from the financial pressures associated with pregnancy and childbirth.

"These gifts will go a long way. I no longer have to buy many of these items, so I can use my money for other important family needs. May God bless everyone who made this possible," one expectant mother said.

Another beneficiary described the outreach as a timely intervention during a period of economic hardship, noting that the donated items would help her provide better care for her newborn.

Speaking during the outreach, President of the Rotary Club of Port Harcourt Municipal, Rotarian Chinonso Obiko said the project was organised to commemorate Rotary's monthly focus on maternal and child health while marking the beginning of a new Rotary year.

"We chose to begin the year by creating a meaningful impact in the lives of mothers and babies. Supporting women during pregnancy is an investment in healthier families and stronger communities," he said.

President of the Rotary Club of Port Harcourt Odili Meadow, Rotarian Eva Iyore-Odogwu, explained that the Healthy Mothers, Healthy Babies Initiative was conceived to improve safe motherhood by providing essential supplies that many vulnerable women struggle to afford.

She noted that although the clubs planned to support between 80 and 100 women, attendance exceeded expectations, prompting the clubs to extend assistance to additional nursing mothers.

"Our goal is to contribute to reducing maternal mortality by ensuring expectant mothers have access to essential delivery items, medicines, and nutritional supplements needed for safer pregnancies and healthier babies," she said.

Healthcare workers at the Oginigba Primary Healthcare Centre welcomed the intervention as an important complement to public health services.

Head of the Immunisation Unit, Ngofa Brownofara, praised the Rotary Clubs for their longstanding partnership with the health facility and for expanding the programme to accommodate more beneficiaries than originally planned.

"Community partnerships like this strengthen our work and directly improve the well-being of mothers and children. We deeply appreciate Rotary's continued commitment to serving vulnerable families," she said.

The outreach demonstrates how Rotary members translate global priorities into practical local action. By addressing immediate maternal health needs while supporting public healthcare services, the project contributes to the broader global effort to reduce preventable maternal and newborn deaths and improve health outcomes for women and children.

Through initiatives such as Healthy Mothers, Healthy Babies, Rotary members continue to show that sustainable change begins with communities working together: one mother, one child and one act of service at a time.



News From Our Clubs

At Utesi, A Simple Gesture Meant a Lot to Expectant Mothers



For a woman preparing to give birth, a safe place to deliver and a few basic things for her baby may seem like simple needs. But when those things are not available, they can make an already anxious moment even more difficult.

That was part of what the Rotary Club of Benin discovered when it carried out a need assessment at the Utesi Primary Health Center in Utesi Community, Ikpoba-Okha Local Government Area of Edo State.

The assessment found that the health centre did not have a delivery bed or a privacy screen—two basic items needed to provide mothers with a more suitable environment for childbirth.

Rotary decided to do something about it.

As part of its Maternal and Child Health Project, the club donated a delivery bed and privacy screen to the health centre. But the intervention did not stop there. Fifteen expectant mothers also received baby delivery packs prepared with some of the essentials they would need when their babies arrived.

Inside the packs were baby baths, beverages, first baby clothes, wrappers for carrying the baby, diapers, sanitary pads for the mothers, baby cream and soap, baby oil, delivery mats, hand gloves and baby powder. For some of the women, these may be ordinary household items but on this day at Utesi, they meant something more.

They were a reminder that someone had noticed their needs and cared enough to help.

Speaking about the project, the President of the Rotary Club of Benin, Rtn. Anthonia Onyebuchi Fuludu PHF, put the club's motivation simply: "Every mother deserves quality care and every child deserves a healthy start to life."

That idea was reflected in the response from the officer in charge of the Utesi Health Center, who expressed her appreciation to the Rotary Club of Benin for coming to the aid of the expectant mothers.

She said the delivery packs would go a long way, particularly for the less privileged mothers, adding that herself as filled with joy by the gesture.

Service Project Chair, Rtn. Andrew Agenmonmen reminded everyone that service is at the heart of Rotary. He encouraged those who are not yet Rotarians to join the movement and urged members of the public to support causes that improve the lives of people in their communities.

The Assistant Governor, Rotary District 9141, Zone 27, Clara Uju Aghadiuo, was equally pleased by what she saw and thanked the Rotary Club of Benin for the intervention.

But perhaps the most touching part of the day needed no long speech.

It was written on the faces of the mothers.

Their joy was evident as they received the packs, and their prayers for the Rotarians present brought a deeply personal touch to the gathering. For the people who had come to deliver the project, those prayers were perhaps the simplest way the mothers could say, thank you.

Community leaders were also present, alongside a representative of the Ikpoba-Okha Local Government Area, showing that improving maternal and child health is not the responsibility of the health centre alone. It takes the community, government, organisations and individuals working together.

There was also an unexpected moment of excitement before the gathering came to an end.

Moved by what he had seen, a leader of the community made a personal pledge: he would give ₦200,000 to any pregnant woman who gives birth to twins.

It was a lighter moment, but it captured something important about the day. One act of service had encouraged another.

Utesi may not have received everything it needs in one day, but a delivery bed now stands where there was none. A privacy screen will give mothers greater dignity during childbirth. Fifteen expectant mothers went home with items that can make preparing for their babies a little easier.

The Rotary Club of Benin's intervention at Utesi was modest in size, but it addressed needs that were already there.

The club listened, identified what was missing and provided what it could.

And for the women who use the Utesi Primary Health Center, having a more suitable space for childbirth and going home with a few essentials for their babies is a meaningful difference.

That is the kind of service Rotary Club of Benin hopes to continue bringing to communities; finding a need, responding to it and leaving something useful behind.







REGISTRATION CATEGORIES

Note:
Rotarians that have donated $1,000 and above to TRF between 1/7/2026 - 10/10/2026, are eligible to attend The Rotary Foundation Dinner.

The special invitation from the District Governor will be sent to them officially.

Early Bird

August 17th - September 15th, 2026
Club Registration: N60,000
(Covers for Club President & Polio Chair)
Individual Registration: N40,0000

Late Registration

October 1st - October 10th, 2026
Club Registration: N100,000
(Covers for Club President & Polio Chair)
Individual Registration: N80,0000

Regular Registration

September 16th - September 30th, 2026
Club Registration: N80,000
(Covers for Club President & Polio Chair)
Individual Registration: N60,0000

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News From Our Clubs



Rotary Club of Asaba Metropolitan gives drugs and disposables to Mbutu Primary Health Centre

President of Rotary Club of Asaba Metropolitan, Rtn. Mike Mbagwu led members on a service project to donate medications and disposables, including face masks and surgical gloves to Mbutu Primary Health Centre, Mbutu Aboh-Mbaise.

At a needs assessment visit, the Club discovered that the Health Centre was in dire need of basic drugs and medical consumables to serve the surrounding community.

The donation was received with great joy and appreciation as the matron of the heathe Center, Mrs. Ijeoma Mbata, on behalf of the staff and community, expressed deep gratitude to the president and members of RC Asaba Metropolitan for their thoughtfulness and timely intervention, especially coming all the way from Asaba.

"This gesture will go a long way in improving treatment and healthcare delivery for the indigenes, particularly during these challenging economic times." She says.



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News From Our Clubs

RC Asaba Metropolitan D9141 And RC Owerri Newtown D9142, Hold Free Medical Outreach At Mbutu



"I have heard a lot about the good works of Rotary and I am happy to be experiencing it first-hand. We call for more collaborations like this to help our community."

These were the words of HRH Eze Damian O. Nwaigwe, Ezeudo II, the traditional ruler of Mbutu Autonomous Community, at the free medical outreach organised by the Rotary Club of Asaba Metropolitan D9141 and Rotary Club of Owerri Newtown D9142, and The Mbagwu Family at Mbutu Autonomous Community Aboh Mbaise, Imo State.

Qualified medical personnel provided free services like blood sugar tests and management of diabetics, malaria testing and treatment, medical counselling, free dispensing of drugs, health education on preventive healthcare, hygiene, and the importance of regular checkups.

President of RC Asaba Metropolitan, Rtn. Mike Mbagwu, and President of RC Owerri Newtown, Rtn. Ugochukwu in their joint remarks, stated that the initiative aligns with one of the seven Areas of Focus of Rotary International: Disease Prevention and Treatment.

They noted that taking quality healthcare closer to rural communities where access is limited remains a priority for Rotary.

Head of the Mbagwu Family and Prime Minister of Mbutu Community explained that the outreach was organized to immortalize and honour their late parents, who were renowned philanthropists. He added that the family will continue to carry out the initiative annually as part of their memorial celebrations.

Members of the community expressed immense gratitude to the two Rotary Clubs and the Mbagwu Family. They were full of praises and prayers for the sponsors, volunteers, and medical team for the life-touching intervention.

The outreach recorded a large turnout and successfully brought free, quality healthcare to hundreds of indigenes of Mbutu. It further strengthened the partnership between Rotary and host communities in promoting health and wellbeing.





POSITIVE DISRUPTION SPOTLIGHT

When Hope Came to Glory's Door

By Rtn. Shittu Abdulrasheed



For Glory Hilary Imoh, 2025 was a year that tested the limits of a mother's resilience. Her husband, the family's breadwinner, lost his job, leaving Glory with the daunting responsibility of providing for their five children. Determined to keep her family afloat, she turned to the small business she knew best, frying and selling Akara.

It was modest work, but it was her lifeline.

Yet, even that lifeline was becoming increasingly difficult to sustain.

Each morning, Glory travelled from Rukpokwu to Eneka to have the beans and corn for her business ground. By the time she had paid for transportation and grinding, a substantial portion of her already meagre earnings had disappeared.

For Glory, the cost of doing business was becoming almost as burdensome as the business itself.

Then, help came from an unexpected quarter.

During a needs assessment exercise in Eneka Community, the Rotary Club of Port Harcourt Citadel identified Glory as one of the women who could benefit from its ***Community Economic Development Projec***t, an initiative designed to remove practical barriers to livelihoods and strengthen the capacity of local entrepreneurs to earn sustainable incomes.

At the time, Glory could not have known where the assessment would lead.

On 18 July 2026, at the invitation of the Club, she attended the Installation Ceremony of the Club's Charter President. She arrived expecting to participate in a Rotary event, but left with something far more valuable, a renewed sense of possibility.

As part of the programme, the Club commissioned its Community Economic Development Project and presented livelihood support equipment to selected beneficiaries.

Then Glory's name was called.

She was presented with a brand new grinding machine, complete with ownership documents bearing her name.

For a woman who had spent countless mornings paying for transportation and commercial grinding, the machine was much more than a piece of equipment.

It meant ***time saved. Money retained. A business strengthened. And, most importantly, hope restored.***

Holding the ownership documents, Glory could hardly contain her emotion.

"So my own has not finished in this Port Harcourt."



The simple words carried the weight of everything she had endured and the relief of knowing that someone had seen her struggle and decided to help.

When she later addressed the gathering, her voice trembled with emotion.

"I been dey commot my house early morning, before 6 O'Clock, and pay transport from Rukpokwu to Eneka to come and grind my corn and beans so that I fit meet up. Now I fit do am by myself here inside my house without wasting money and time. Now, I go dey grind for other people dey make money on top"

For Glory, Rotary's intervention was not simply about receiving a grinding machine. It was about restoring dignity to a hardworking woman, easing the burden of motherhood, strengthening a small enterprise and giving a family a better chance at tomorrow.

Turning Barriers into Opportunities

Glory's experience is shared, in different ways, by many women who earn a living through petty trading and food processing.

Across Port Harcourt communities, preparing everyday staples such as Akara, Moi Moi, pap and Agidi often begins with grinding grains. For small scale entrepreneurs, the process can involve commercial grinding fees, queues and transportation costs, all









of which steadily consume already modest earnings.

The Rotary Club of Port Harcourt Citadel set out to change that reality by identifying practical barriers that stood between hardworking people and better livelihoods.

One of the other beneficiaries, **Onuwa Isaac Paul**, a 29 year old resident of Eneka, faced a different challenge.

Onuwa had the skills and willingness to provide landscaping and cleaning services, but lacked the basic equipment required to work efficiently and expand his services. As a result, his earning potential remained largely untapped.

The needs assessment brought his situation to light.

When he received a lawn mower through the project, his gratitude was unmistakable:

"God bless the people of Rotary Club of Port Harcourt Citadel as you don bless me with this Grass Cutting Machine. I fit work faster and safer pass when I dey use ordinary cutlass. Now I fit make more money to feed my family. Una too much!"

His words, delivered with emotion and characteristic warmth, captured the feelings of the other beneficiaries, gratitude for an intervention that did not merely offer temporary relief, but provided tools to help them work more efficiently and earn more sustainably.

A Small Investment, A Lasting Difference

Against this backdrop, the Rotary Club of Port Harcourt Citadel implemented the Community Economic Development Project to turn skills, determination and hard work into more sustainable livelihoods.

Valued at ₦1.5 million, the project provided grinding machines to five beneficiaries and a lawn mower to another, directly addressing the practical challenges that had been limiting their earning capacity.

Importantly, the project was fully funded by the Club through a donation from one of its members.

The six beneficiaries were:
1. Lukman Sefiyat
2. Blessing Akpan
3. Glory Hilary Imoh
4. Happiness Aniedi Okon
5. Rebecca Obong Owo
6. Onuwa Isaac Paul

For each beneficiary, the intervention represents more than equipment. It represents an opportunity to work with greater efficiency, retain more of what they earn and build a more secure livelihood for themselves and their families.

And that is perhaps the quiet power of community based Rotary service.

Lasting impact does not always arrive with a grand gesture. Sometimes, it comes in the form of a grinding machine delivered to the doorstep of a struggling mother. Sometimes, it is a lawn mower placed in the hands of a young man with a skill but no equipment.
Sometimes, creating lasting impact simply means giving someone the tool they need to **turn hard work into hope.**

For Glory, hope came to her door.

And this time, it came with her name

POEM



SERVICE ABOVE SELF, CREATING LASTING IMPACT

Sonnet Written by

Rtn. Onajite Helen Erhiekpere
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Rotary Club of Warri, District 9141

We serve not for the praise that people give,
But with a heart that seeks to lift the weak;
Through selfless hands, we help the world to live,
And give a voice to those who cannot speak.

With kindness, hope, and courage as our guide,
We plant the seeds of love in every heart;
Together, we shall walk the world beside,
And through our service, make a brand-new start.

For every deed that lifts a soul today,
Becomes a light that shines through future years;
The love we give will never fade away,
But bloom beyond our struggles and our tears.

Service Above Self, our hearts proclaim;
Create Lasting Impact—that's our aim.

10X Installation Photo Gallery

The 10X Installation of District Governor Anthony Chibueze Olikagu, D9141, was a blast and one that would not be forgotten in a hurry.

With the presence of prominent and eminent personalities like the RI President Olayinka Hakeem Babalola and his dear spouse, PAG Precy Babalola as well was Past District Governors and Rotary leaders across Nigeria in attendance, the epoch making event is one to be remembered as it celebrated our rich cultural heritage, promoted networking and built friendships that Rotary is known for.

Catch a glimpse of the 10X Installation.
























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DISTRICT CALENDAR 2026-2027

S/N	Events	Date	Location	Chair/Action Party
1.	District Team Learning Seminar (DTLS)	7 February 2026	Asaba, Delta State	Chris Daniels
2.	Presidents-elect Learning Seminar (PELS)	6-7 March 2026	Warri, Delta State	Wilson Kokarhaye
3.	District Leadership Seminar(DLS)/ Club Leadership Learning Seminar (CLLS)	27-28 March 2026	Port Harcourt, Rivers State	Chika Ohagba/Blessing Timothy
4.	Club Officers Learning Seminar(COLS) (Only for elected club officers)	18 April 2026	All Cities	AGs as Host
5.	Grants Management Seminar (Only for Grants Chairs or Service Projects Chairs of Clubs)	25 April 2026	Agbor, Delta State	Andy Mordi
6.	District Governor's Installation	25 July 2026	Yenagoa, Bayelsa State	Eberechi Eke-Okoro/Whisky Ayakeme
7.	Vibrant Club Workshop	11-12 September 2026	Port Harcourt, Rivers State	Chidozie Nwaka/Udo Onwere
8.	Polioplus Seminar / Rotary Foundation Dinner	16-17 October 2026	Asaba, Delta State	Byron Unini
9.	West Africa Project Fair	10-17 November 2026	Lagos, Nigeria	Mfon Otite-Douglas
10.	7th All Africa Zone Institute	26-28 November 2026	Kampala, Uganda	Wilson Kokarhaye
11.	RYLA (Attendees Ages: 18-25	18-20 December 2026	Benin, Edo State	Ibhafidon Jeff Odiahi
12.	RYLA (Attendees Ages: 18-25	18-20 December 2026	Port Harcourt, Rivers State	Otonye Bakangama Ekine
13.	RYLA (Attendees Ages: 18-25	18-20 December 2026	Asaba, Delta State	Jeffrey Itede
14.	RYLA (Attendees Ages: 18-25	23-25 October 2026	Yenagoa, Bayelsa State	Hilda Afakwu- Adimoha
15.	Mid-Year Assembly	23 January 2027	Benin, Edo State	Hussein Oshiobugie
16.	RI President reception	February	Port Harcourt, Rivers State	PDG Virginia Major/Peter Okoro
17.	Peace Summit/Business Round Table	20 February 2027	Sapele, Delta State	Happy Mene
18.	District Conference	10-13 June 2027	Warri, Delta State	Chris Ojeke/Wilson Kokarhaye
19.	Rotary International Convention	26-30 June 2027	Fira de Barcelona, Spain	Simon Ogie

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END POLIO NOW



YOU LEAD
WE END
POLIO

YOUR GOAL. YOUR ACTION. A POLIO-FREE WORLD

IF YOU HAVE SET A GOAL FOR

$3000 AND ABOVE

CONTACT YOUR STATE REPRESENTATIVE TO OBTAIN

2 POLIO BOXES

AND INCREASE YOUR FUNDRAISING AVENUE



• TAKE YOUR IMPACT FURTHER! •

ENGAGE MORE PEOPLE
Easy way to involve members, Guests, and the community

INCREASE GIVING
A simple, visible way to grow your fundraising

CREATE LASTING IMPACT
Every dollar brings us closer to a polio-free world

You set the goal, We provide the tools
TOGTHER, WE END POLIO FOR GOOD

ENDING POLIO WILL CHANGE LIVES, WHY NOT BE THE REASON?

NO CHILD SHOULD SUFFER FROM POLIO

WE ARE THIS CLOSE TO ENDING IT

YOUR LEADERSHIP TODAY, WILL CREATE A POLIO FREE WORLD

GIVE TODAY, INSPIRE OTHERS.... END POLIO NOW

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