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## THE LAGOS ROTARIAN

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## WINNING WAYS

According to Blinklist, [www.blinklist.com](http://www.blinklist.com) "Winning is a way of living that creates a better life for us." In Rotary, there is a system laid out for

following guidelines that lead to success. Over several decades, this system has been developed into a culture of Winning Ways.

In the book "Winning Ways," author Dick Lyle sets out major steps anyone can use to work well with people to achieve results. In a way, Rotarians are guided by the Presidential Citation to engage in projects and activities that will lead to great accomplishments within a year.

The Presidential Citation for 2022/2023 was a big win for the Rotary Club of Lagos. It was a collective responsibility led by one of its own, IPP Joseph Akhigbe and his team. They did well and now we have the Presidential Citation to show for our collective hard work. Our Club is so proud to have attained that goal.

This year's Citation requires every Club to set and achieve its goals through Rotary Club Central. We have a duty to ourselves to meet and even exceed those expectations.

During this Rotary Year, we should focus on expanding our membership, engaging in club projects, joining a Rotarian Action Group (RAG), attending leadership development activities,

attending district conferences, contributing to Polio Plus and the Rotary Foundation, updating our strategic plan, sponsoring at least 30 young people to RYLA, having a strong media presence, updating our social media pages, and sponsoring social activities for members besides the club's weekly fellowship.

We have made some progress towards that mark in the past week.

We had membership engagements at the District Zonal Multi-Club learning seminar, District Polio Seminar, and District Rotary Leadership Institute (RLI). We also congratulate all the members who received recognition for increasing their contributions to the Paul Harris Fellowship funds.

We also salute our President-Elect Rtn. Toki Mabogunje for being appointed by the United Republic of Tanzania as its First Honorary Consul in Lagos.

This says a lot about her quality of leadership and commitment to service. Moreover, our Club encourages friendships exchange and sharing fellowships with other clubs, at home and abroad. PAG Hairat Balogun, acting as our goodwill Ambassador, recently shared the Club's good deeds while on a trip to the United States.

During her visit, she met with the Lewisville Morning Rotary Club, which is made up predominantly of a diverse group of business, community, and professional leaders. The Club meets in person every Thursday at 7 A.M at the Main Street Café in Lewisville, Texas.

# EDITOR-IN-CHIEF'S NOTE

PAG Hairat Balogun spoke about the history of the Rotary Club of Lagos and how it has evolved from a male-only leadership to inducting her as its first female President. She also highlighted the Club's priority for implementing projects in rural settings to improve sanitation, hygiene, basic education, and literacy.

Additionally, she discussed the Microcredit scheme for disadvantaged groups and communities. PAG Hairat Balogun praised the leadership qualities of its current President, Abiodun Role, and spoke about his seamless crossover from the life of a retired Army General to a life of selfless service to humanity. Finally, as we get ready to move into the month of September. Let us charge ourselves to develop our own winning ways to transform more lives around us.

*"He (she) profits most, who gives his (her) best to serve".*

RTN. BRIDGET KUSI UKO  
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF



PAG Hairat Balogun at the Lewisville Morning Rotary Club, Lewisville, Texas giving a talk about Rotary Club of Lagos.



## ROTARY GRACE

O Lord and giver of all good  
We thank thee for our daily food May  
Rotary friends and Rotary ways Help us to  
serve thee all our days.

## THE OBJECT OF ROTARY

The Object of Rotary is to encourage and foster the ideal of service as a basis of worthy enterprise and in particular, to encourage and foster.

## FIRST

The development of acquaintance as an opportunity for service.

## SECOND

High ethical standards in business and professions, the recognition of the worthiness of all useful occupations and the dignifying of each Rotarian's occupation as an opportunity to serve society.

## THIRD

The application of the ideal of service in every Rotarian's personal, business and community life.

## FOURTH

The advancement of international understanding, goodwill and peace through a world fellowship of business and professional persons united in the ideal of service.

## THE FOUR WAY TEST OF THE THINGS WE THINK, SAY OR DO

Is it the **TRUTH**?  
Is it **FAIR** to All Concerned?  
Will it build **GOODWILL** and **BETTER FRIENDSHIPS**?  
Will it be **BENEFICIAL** to all Concerned?



# PRESIDENT'S WELCOME NOTE



Dear Fellow Rotarians,

You are humbly welcome to another week of fellowship. Our last meeting, which was conducted under the usual convivial atmosphere witnessed more participation of our elders in the Club, who created the time to join us physically and virtually.

This is a challenge for younger members.

During the period, the Club fulfilled its second project of donating Maternal and Child Health Care equipment to the Paediatrics Department of the Nigerian Army 68 Reference Hospital.

It was a momentous event as some of our members expressed nostalgia about their early experiences and relationship as young people with the hospital.

I'm quite glad that within the same period some members participated in the various District Learning Seminars like the Public Image, MultiClub, Polio Plus and the Rotary Leadership Institute. Attendance at these training sessions would help members to increase their knowledge and skills in Rotary activities.

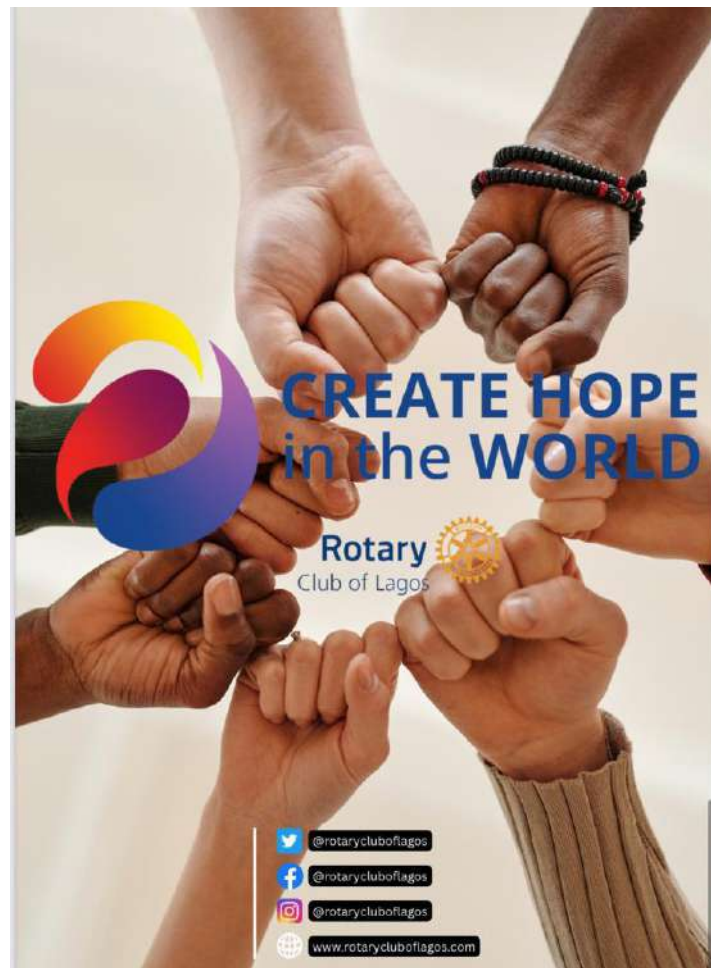
I use this privilege to inform Fellow Rotarians that some members of the Club will also be travelling to Lusaka, Zambia to attend the 5th All Africa Rotary Institute programme from 4 – 10 September 2023. This programme would enable participating Rotarians to further build and exchange ideas, and a further source of inspiration for continuous service above self.

I congratulate our members who were recognized and decorated as new Paul Harris Fellows and those who have increased their level as donors to the Rotary Foundation. As we come to the end of the second month in the Rotary year, we look forward to more fulfilling time ahead. My warmest regards. Rotary is good.

**ROTARIAN (Maj.Gen) ABIODUN ROLE**

(Rtd) FSS, MSS, DSS, GSS, fdc +

**HOPE PRESIDENT  
2023-2024**



# MINUTES: Weekly Fellowship Meeting Held on 2nd AUGUST 2023.

## MINUTES OF THE WEEKLY FELLOWSHIP MEETING OF THE ROTARY CLUB OF LAGOS HELD ON the 2ND OF AUGUST, 2023, AT THE LAGOS MOTOR BOAT CLUB, AWOLOWO ROAD, IKOYI AND VIA ZOOM PLATFORM.

.1,0. The president called the meeting to order at exactly 1:00pm.

- Rotary Prayer- PP Abiodun Osiyemi
- Object of Rotary - Rtn. Tosin Olabimtan
- 4-way Test – Rtn. Victor Ikeji

### 2.0. Opening Remark.

2.1. President Abiodun Role warmly welcomed everyone to the meeting starting with the past presidents, past assistant governor and the elders. He went further to welcome all the Rotarians online. Then, he requested Rotarian Gbenga Onabanjo to be the SAA for the meeting.

President gave a brief of what happened at the last meeting. He explained that the financial position shared was not a proper financial report or statement. That it was just a document to show the club's financial position. President further talked about the club projects. He said that it will be shared on the Club's platform.

2.2 Past President Dare Adeyeri was called to talk about the topic "The Amazing World of Rotary". The topic was discussed for about 14 mins followed with questions and answers.

*"The Story around how rotary started with life-long friendships from diverse backgrounds to what rotary is today was shared. Rotary focus project areas were briefly discussed. The month of August being Membership Month, the speaker reinforced the importance of bringing new members, keeping members, and establishing new clubs. He spoke about how to set up new clubs along the lines of the required criteria and benefits of being a rotary club member ((friendship, impact, share of knowledge and influence). He further gave examples from several personal experiences."*

President thanked PP Adeyeri for the lecture. Then, he also welcomed all the Rotarians and past presidents that arrived during the lecture.

2.3 President spoke about the importance of prompt payment of dues. He further discussed on the pledges made by members during the DG's visit. He said that most members are yet to fulfil the pledges for Polio Plus which is \$100 USD. He followed through with the payment of his pledge of \$100USD and that of PAG Hairat Balogun's \$100USD pledge in cash. The total sum of two hundred dollars (\$200USD) was duly handed over to the Director, Rotary Foundation for further processing.

### 3.0 Announcement

3.1 President announced the names of July birthday celebrants. He further announced that Rotn. Napoleon Amarie's st birthday was 1 of August and he had made fifty thousand (=N=50,000) naira donation for his birthday.

July Celebrants were:

- Rotn. Chioma Adaobi Okigbo
- Rotn Stella Ilori
- PP. Olumide Phillips
- Rotn. Jude Onyeka Chiemeka
- Rotn. Wemimo Adebajo
- Rotn. Tosin Olabimtan
- Rotn. Odulate Toyin
- Rotn. Kolawole Ogunbowale

Members sang the birthday song while standing but the July celebrants had to remain seated.

### 4.0 S.A.A

4.1 The ground for donation towards birthday was opened by PP. Olumide Phillips with a cheque of N78,000 paid  
President Role N50,000  
Rotn. Tosin Olabimtan N60,000  
Rotn Stella and Rotn. Jude N100,000  
PP. Abiodun Osiyemi N25,000 Paid (POS)  
PP. Abiodun Osiyemi N20,000 Paid (POS)  
Rotn. Uk Eke N100,000  
PP. Wale Agbeyangi N50,000  
PP. Ayo Kasumu N50,000  
Rotn Ifeoma Williams N50,000 Paid (POS)  
Rotn. Tunde Ezichi N50,000  
Rotn Ibrahim N25,000  
Rotn. Tunji Lamidi N25,000  
PP. Kola Bajomo N25,000  
Rotn. Chioma Okigbo N50,000  
PP. Dare Adeyeri N50,000  
IPP. Joe Akhigbe N25,000

# MINUTES: Weekly Fellowship Meeting Held on 2nd AUGUST 2023. CNTD

## 4.2 Introduction.

Dr. Adam Lawson was introduced as an old RCL member based in the United Kingdom. Mr. Seye Elugbaju was also introduced as a guest.

President introduced all Rotarians online and thanked them for connecting virtually for the meeting

Total Cash collection at the gate 10,000 cash  
Other cash S.A.A 40,500 Cash  
3,000 POS  
Cheque 78,000 Cheque  
PPAbiodunOsiyemi 776,000  
(PaulHarisFellow) POS

## Expenses

Paid expenses Battery 2,000 Cash  
Entertainment 48,500 Cash  
Entertainment balance (kola) 11,000 Transfer  
Change collectable 350 Transfer  
Change collectable 350

The meeting ended at exactly 2pm with a toast to Rotary International followed by the national anthem.

**Signed:**  
**Rotarian Kolawole Ogunbowale**  
**Asst. Secretary, 2023-2024**  
**August, 2023.**



## AI AND THE FUTURE BY Rotarian Kolawole Ogunbowale AI and future opportunities

While we have come a long way, there is still a lot to uncover when it comes to the capabilities of AI and ML. Artificial Intelligence and Machine Learning aren't going anywhere and will continue to be an increasingly valuable part of our lives. If anything, there are 75 AI facts to cement what the future holds on the matter.

### AI-in-job-creation

One of the most interesting technology facts about artificial intelligence is that by 2045, AI is expected to completely surpass human intelligence.

At that time, AI will start to fully automate various industries. However, at the same time, AI will generate around 2 million new job positions.

Experts mention job positions like AI business development manager, data detective, and fitness commitment counselor.

For businesses, machine and deep learning will be able to free up more time for more important and meaningful tasks.

This is a more positive take on our shared future with AI, in contrast to the doom-and-gloom outlooks you can find. Correct information on artificial intelligence is also desperately needed, as it is easy to get bombarded with false AI facts. *To be continued.....*





# MINUTES: Weekly Fellowship Meeting Held on 9th AUGUST 2023.

## MINUTES OF THE WEEKLY FELLOWSHIP MEETING OF THE ROTARY CLUB OF LAGOS HELD ON the 9th OF AUGUST, 2023 AT THE LAGOS MOTOR BOAT CLUB, AWOLOWO ROAD, IKOYI AND VIA ZOOM PLATFORM.

1.0. The president called the meeting to order at exactly 1:00pm.

- Rotary Prayer- PP Gabriel Diejomaoh
- Object of Rotary - Rtn. Comfort Alli Babalola
- 4-way Test – Rtn. Frank Lawson

2.0. Opening Remark.

2.1. President Abiodun Role warmly welcomed everyone to the meeting especially Rotarian Frank Lawson and all the Rotarians online. Rotarian Gabriel Ikeji was appointed as SAA for the meeting.

President gave a brief of what happened at the last meeting more especially the July birthday celebrants and giving enthusiasm demonstrated in the month of July. President encouraged all member to key into the giving spirit.

President talked about projects, he said the Military Hospital is just waiting for the club to communicate date and time for the donation.

The gift is currently undergoing branding. The president said the next possible project will be with the Nigerian Society for the Blind, and he talked around service to humanity.

The President raised the discussion around annual dues and its importance for prompt payment. He went further to talk on The Polio Society and the promise made to the DG of \$100 USD from each Rotarian. Total collection to date is \$200USD.

The chairperson was then invited to discuss on the Polio Plus Society. Rotarian Dr. Monisola Adanijo spoke extensively about the society and what the fund is expected to achieve including immunization drive to eradicate polio. The donation of \$100USD is exchanged at the Rotary exchange rate of =N=776 naira to \$1 dollar.

Attendance

President discussed on members attendance at the last month's meeting (July 2023). It was placed on record that eight (8) members physically attended all the meetings in the month of July 2023. He said members will be issued certificates of attendance going forward.

3.0 Announcement

3.1 Guest Speaker

President announced that the guest speaker is unavoidably absent, and he send his apology.

President announced that his birthday is August 10, 2023, the following day.

Rotarian Tunji Lamidi was invited to lead the fellowship with a rotary song for the day. He sang from pages 14 and 29 VIVE LE ROTARY and WHEN THE SAINT GO MARCHING IN respectively.

PP Bruce Ovbiagele was invited by the president to advise encourage young Rotarians. He started by introducing when he joined the club in 1976.

He spoke on

membership and ability to identify and attract good and quality members. He said he identified and introduced PAG Hairat Balogun, PP Prof. Femi Sowemimo and many more. He encouraged everyone to do the same.

Joke

President engaged members with jokes.

Rotarian Abayomi was invited to receive award sent from the District Governor. Award was delivered by the president.

Rotarian UK Eke was then invited to talk on Rotary Foundation.

4.0 S.A.A

4.1 One Thousand Naira (=N=1,000) was levied on every member while PP Dare Adeyeri donated =N=26,000 Naira to celebrate Rotarian Abayomi Adeyeri on his wedding anniversary while Rotarian Abayomi Adeyeri matched the donation with another =N=26,000 Naira.

# MINUTES: Weekly Fellowship Meeting Held on 9th AUGUST 2023.

4.2

Introduction.

No guest was introduced. We had a visiting Rotarian from Rotary Club of Ikoyi. President acknowledged the president of Rotary Club of Gbagada who attended the meeting online.

The meeting ended at exactly 2pm with a toast to Rotary Club of Gbagada, Rotary club of Ikoyi and Rotary International followed by the national anthem.

Total collection at the gate	5,000	cash
	4,000	pos
Other cash S.A.A	18,000	cash
	2,000	pos
Rotarian Abayomi Adeyeri	26,000	pos

## Expenses

Paid expenses

Entertainment	18,000
Banked	5,000

**Rotarian Kolawole Ogunbowale**  
**Asst. Secretary, 2023-2024**  
**August, 2023.**

## Let AI help you Innovate!

### 10 interesting facts about Artificial Intelligence

1. Google CEO Sundar Pichai claimed that artificial intelligence (AI) would be more transformative to humanity as a species than electricity and fire.
2. A McKinsey survey from 2021 found that 56% of companies have adopted AI in at least one function within the organization, which is an increase from 50% the year prior.
3. GA PWC report from this year found that 96% of respondents intend to utilize AI simulations like digital twins. Simulations are massive in AI, as they can speed up risk analysis, provide insights, predict supply chain dynamics, and so on.
4. According to International Data Corporation (IDC), the spending on AI will reach \$22 billion in 2022 across Europe. The number is expected to surpass \$50 billion by 2025.
5. Although the revenue benefits of AI have held steady or decreased, cost savings have grown greater across all functions since the first year of the pandemic.- McKinsey
6. Global corporate investment in AI rose from 67.85 billion in 2020 to 93.5 billion in 2021.
7. Although private investment in 2022 is set to exceed \$135 billion, overall investment in AI research and applications is set to reach \$500 billion by 2024.
8. Global revenues from AI for enterprise applications are projected to grow from \$1.62B in 2018 to \$31.2B in 2025.
9. According to the PWC AI's Predictions 2021, only 28% of executives consider AI and machine learning a priority regarding information extraction.
10. According to the AI Index, since 2000, the annual investment from venture capital firms into US startups utilizing AI systems has increased as much as six times!

# MINUTES: Weekly Fellowship Meeting Held on 16th AUGUST 2023.

## **MINUTES OF THE WEEKLY FELLOWSHIP MEETING OF THE ROTARY CLUB OF LAGOS HELD ON AUGUST 16<sup>th</sup>, 2023 AT THE LAGOS MOTOR BOAT CLUB, AWOLOWO ROAD, IKOYI AND VIA ZOOM PLATFORM.**

1.0. The president called the meeting to order at exactly 1:00pm.

**Rotary Prayer- PP Kehinde Ayo Kasumu**

**Object of Rotary - Rtn. Ibiyemi Ayeni**

**4-way Test – Rtn. Femi Ojumu**

**2.0. Opening Remark.**

2.1. President Abiodun Role warmly welcomed everyone to the meeting. He acknowledged the presence of PDG (Dr.) Deinde Shoga, the guest speaker for the day and all the Rotarians who joined online. PDG (Dr.) Hakim Akinlade was appointed as SAA for the meeting.

President gave a brief of what happened at the last meeting. He then invited AG Ehi Braimah to introduce the guest speaker, PDG (Dr.) Deinde Shoga .

**2.2 Guest Speaker**

*He spoke on how he joined Rotary and tendered apologies for not making it to the meeting last week. He explained that there had to attend an emergency at work. He spoke on the importance of Rotary Club of Lagos within Rotary. He spoke on the need to grow membership and to open rotary to friends because membership is not solely the job of the president. He further gave a breakdown of membership. He spoke about Recruitment, Retention and Formation of new clubs. He also gave advantages and disadvantages of growing memberships, methodologies to grow and maintain members, membership cleanup, attendance celebration, family approval and engagement.*

During the feedback session, lots of questions were asked. One of the fundamental questions was about online meeting attendance. The speaker said that there must be an acceptable number of times members should be allowed to attend meetings online to be counted as attendance in the club bylaw. It was acknowledged that online meetings have come to stay but should be regulated.

**3.0 Announcement**

**3.1 Youth Service**

The Director of youth service was invited to share her plan for the forthcoming December event. She spoke about the upcoming RYLA program scheduled for December 2023. She solicited for support from members towards program sponsorship. The cost of registration per participant is N30,000 (thirty thousand) naira. The club is expected to sponsor 30 youths for the program.

**3.2 Visitation to the Military Hospital**

President announced that members should converge at the military hospital administrative block at 1pm. He enjoined every member to participate in the event.

AG Ehi Braimah request that the President should consider reinviting the guest speaker to discuss on how to access global grant.

**4.0S .A.A**

**4.1 One Thousand Naira (=N=1,000) was levied on every member. President donated =N=69,000 naira for his birthday Members donated a total of =N=105,000 Naira, 50 Pound (to be shared equally for the president's birthday and PP Soyoye's birthday). Total cash collect =N=39,000 Naira**

**4.2 Introduction.**

Mr. Seye Elugbaju was introduced as a guest. We had a visiting Rotarian from Rotary Club of Ikoyi.



# MINUTES: Weekly Fellowship Meeting Held on August 16th, 2023. CONTD.

The meeting ended at exactly 2pm with a toast to Rotary Club of Gbagada, Rotary club of Ikoyi and Rotary International followed by the national anthem.

Total collection at the gate	4,500cash
	3,000POS
	3,000 Transfer
Other cash S.A.A (Naira)	39,000Cash
(Pound)	50 Cash

**Rotarian Kolawole Ogunbowale**  
Asst. Secretary, 2023-2024  
August 2023.

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## JOKES FOR THE MONTH

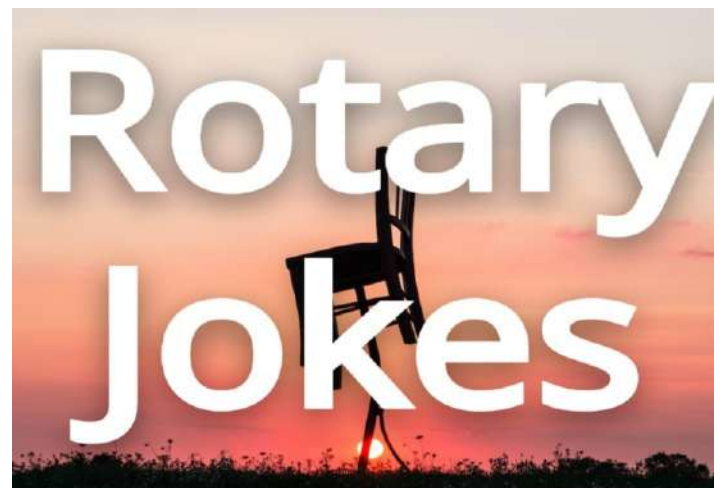
Jokes Presented By  
RTN Dele Adetiba

### MISSING

Our good natured dog has been missing for the past week. His fur has a splattering of black caused by a falling paint bucket during a DIY paint job.

He lost one eye rummaging through the knitting bag. He has a broken tail when it was caught by a closing door. He lost one leg in a trap accident.

If you find him, please get in touch. By the way, his name is LUCKY



I was talking to a coworker about how I remember using a rotary telephone. She said "Wow. You're dating yourself."

I looked down at my hand and replied "No. We're just friends with benefits."

## “ QUOTES ”

Finish each day and be done with it. You have done what you could. Some blunders and absurdities no doubt crept in; forget them as soon as you can. Tomorrow is a new day. You shall begin it serenely and with too high a spirit to be encumbered with your old nonsense.

Ralph Waldo Emerson  
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If a club is winning, you never pay attention to a guy who's 0-for-10. If a club is losing, all of a sudden you'll find that he's the main reason why you're losing, which is absurd for me.

Joe Torre  
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## MINUTES OF THE WEEKLY FELLOWSHIP MEETING OF THE ROTARY CLUB OF LAGOS HELD ON AUGUST 23, 2023, AT THE LAGOS MOTOR-BOAT CLUB, AWOLOWO ROAD, IKOYI.

**1.0. Call to Order:** The President, Rotarian (Major General Rtd.) Abiodun Role officially commenced the meeting at 1:00 p.m. sharp.

**Rotary Prayer- PP (Lt. Gov.) Ibikunle Ogunbayo**  
**Object of Rotary - RTN. Olusegun Okubanjo**  
**4-way Test – RTN. Princess Funlayo Okeowo**

### 2.0. Opening Remark.

**2.1.** The President warmly welcomed both members present physically and those joining virtually.

### 2.2 Club Activities Report:

A retrospective on the club's visit to the Nigerian Army Reference Hospital, Yaba, was presented. On the 17th of August, in alignment with one of Rotary's seven established tenets, and in honour of Maternal and Child Health Care month, the club donated essential maternal and child health care apparatus.

The President highlighted the heart-warming reminiscences shared by members and PP Dr. Hakim Akinlade's enlightening historical exposition, which was well-received by the Chief Medical Director and his cohorts. A dialogue with the hospital's leadership, exploring a sustained alliance and prospective partnership with FMCG entities, is currently in the pipeline.

### 3.0 Announcement

**3.1** Members were apprised of the forthcoming multi-club seminar scheduled for the 24th of August, and the Polio Plus seminar to be held at the district office on the 25th of August 2023.

### 3.2 Financial Matters:

A gentle reminder was issued concerning the remittance of annual dues and gate takings.

#### •District Obligations and Commendations:

The President, recounting his recent attendance at the district office, conveyed the District Governor's commendation. The Rotary Club of Lagos (RCL) has the distinct honour of being the premier club to meet all its commitments both at the district and international levels.

### 3.4 Paul Harris Fellowship Recognition:

An illustrious segment saw certain venerable club members ascend to higher echelons of the Paul Harris Fellowship. With Rotarian U.K. Eke [AKS] officiating the ceremony. With the support of PP Bruce Ovbiagele, PP Olumide Phillips, and Lt. Gov. Ibikunle Ogunbayo, the following Rotarians were duly decorated:

- Rotarian Adeniji Adele
- Immediate Past President (IPP) Joe Akhigbe- Level 5
- Past President (PP) Kola Bajomo- Level 8
- Rotarian President Abiodun Role

#### • Featured Presentation:

PP Tony Egbe, with astute analytical prowess, presented an illuminating discourse on the ramifications of multinational exits from Nigeria. Citing a precarious economic landscape and lamenting the "disguise of employment", he deduced elite exploitation as the predominant ailment afflicting Nigeria's economy.

This profound exposition merited a standing ovation. Notably, PP Kola Bajomo proffered the sentiment that domestic responsibility should be the compass guiding Nigeria's foreign policy.

#### • S.A.A

Levity Interlude:

Rotarian Dele Adetiba, the revered SAA emeritus, infused mirth with his comedic interjections, evoking hearty laughter.

Rotarian Ayo Ajayi, the SAA for the day, seamlessly continued the humour, delighting the audience. A heartfelt welcome was extended to the club's cherished treasurer, Rotarian Edu.

Adjournment: The gathering was formally adjourned by the President at 2:03pm.

#### Signed by:

**RTN. Ifeoma Williams**  
**Director, Public Image**  
**on behalf of the R.C.L Secretariat**  
**RCL**



# PHOTO STORY

Meeting Held on August 16th, 2023



President Abiodun Role takes a birthday pose with Rtn. Tosin Ajayi (L), Rotarian Secretary and Dr Monisola Adanijo (R).







Celebrating with President Abiodun Role as he marked another year added to his lifetime on earth.



President Abiodun Role presenting gifts of appreciation to the Guest Speaker, PDG Deinde Shoga. PP Hakim Akinlade and Rtn. Tosin Ajayi helping out with the presentation of Rotary Club of Lagos memorabilia to the Guest Speaker.



# PHOTO STORY

Meeting Held on August 23rd, 2023



Weekly fellowship meeting at the Lagos Motor Boat Club, Ikoyi (August 23, 2023)



August 23, 2023 Fellowship Meeting of the Rotary Club of Lagos.





## Visit to the 68 Nigerian Army Reference Hospital (NARH) Yaba Lagos:

Rotary Club of Lagos Donates Maternal Health Care Equipment to 68 Nigerian Army Reference Hospital

LAGOS, August 19, 2023 – The Rotary Club of Lagos, in line with its longstanding commitment to community service, embarked on a noble mission to the 68 Nigerian Army Reference Hospital in Yaba, Lagos.

On Thursday, 18th August 2023, the club generously donated essential maternal health care equipment to the hospital, reinforcing its dedication to maternal and child health care projects.

Maternal and child health care is a paramount priority and constitutes one of the seven points on the agenda of Rotary International. Such endeavors symbolize the club's relentless efforts to bring about tangible change and improvement in the lives of mothers and children, ensuring they receive the best health care facilities and services.

The delegation from the Rotary Club of Lagos was led by the Club's distinguished 63rd president, Major General Abiodun Role [Rtd.]. Upon arrival, they were warmly received by the Chief Medical Director of the 68 Nigerian Army Reference Hospital, Colonel G.S. Ogoh.

The event not only marked the confluence of service and health care but also showcased the Rotary Club's unwavering spirit of philanthropy and community upliftment.

Major General Abiodun Role expressed his gratitude to the hospital's management for their warm reception and emphasized the club's readiness to support health initiatives that align with the objectives of Rotary International. He added, "Today's donation is not just equipment, but a gesture that signifies our shared goal – ensuring the well-being of mothers and children."

The Rotary Club of Lagos remains steadfast in its mission to make a difference in the lives of the less privileged and looks forward to more such collaborations in the future that will bring about a positive change in society.

About Rotary Club of Lagos The Rotary Club of Lagos is a chapter of Rotary International, dedicated to bringing business and professional leaders together to provide humanitarian services, promote goodwill and peace around the world.



*President Abiodun Role led a team of members from the Rotary Club of Lagos to the 68 Nigerian Army Reference Hospital Yaba to make donations of Hospital Kits in support of Maternal and Child Health Care.*



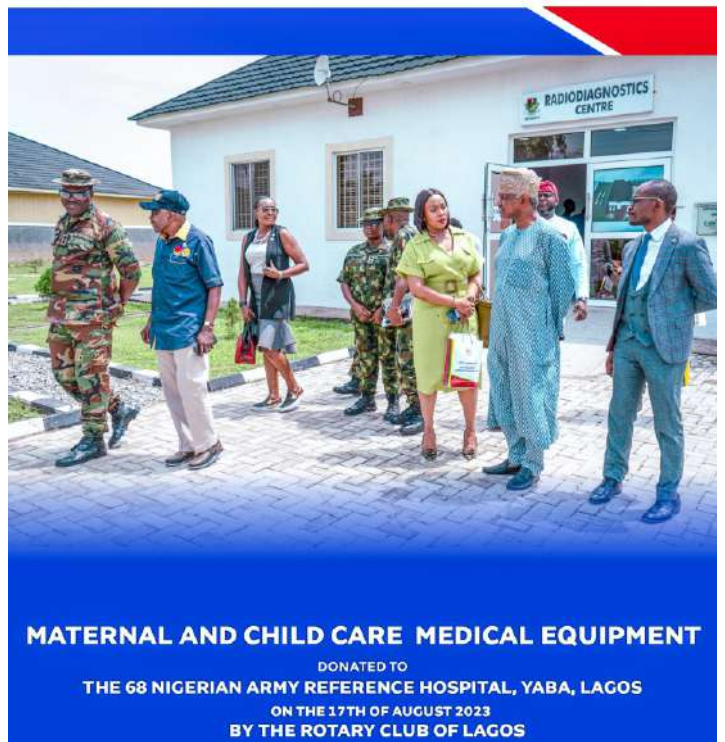
# NARH Visit: Photo Story



President Abiodun Role led a team of members from the Rotary Club of Lagos to the 68 Nigerian Army Reference



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**MATERNAL AND CHILD CARE MEDICAL EQUIPMENT**  
DONATED TO  
THE 68 NIGERIAN ARMY REFERENCE HOSPITAL, YABA, LAGOS  
ON THE 17TH OF AUGUST 2023  
BY THE ROTARY CLUB OF LAGOS



President Abiodun Role led a team of members from the Rotary Club of Lagos to the 68 Nigerian Army Reference and donated maternal and child care medical equipment

# FEATURE: Rotary Membership

## Membership Benefits and Responsibilities

### Benefits of Membership

As a large and diverse organisation, Rotary provides individuals with the power to help those in need. There are countless opportunities to make a difference to those less fortunate than ourselves.

### Friendship

In an increasingly complex world, Rotary maintains a simple philosophy - make friends in your own community and throughout the world.

### Giving back to the community

Through Rotary, service to local and overseas communities is well organised and rewarding. If you like helping others, here is your chance to do something worthwhile and make a real difference.

### Fun and entertainment

Rotary is fun... a lot of fun. Every Rotary club and district arranges parties and activities that provide a welcome distraction to a hectic business life.

### Business development

Networking opportunities are endless. Rotary consists of a cross-section from every business community and its members come from all walks of life. Rotarians help each other and collectively help others.

### Personal growth and development

Membership of Rotary develops leadership, public speaking, social, business, personal and vocational skills as well as improving cultural awareness.

### Continued learning

Clubs organise programmes and weekly meetings to keep members informed about what is going on in the community, the country, and the world. Each meeting provides an opportunity to listen to different speakers on a variety of current topics.

### Travel opportunities

Every Rotarian is welcome - even encouraged - to attend any of the 46,000+ clubs around the world.





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# FEATURE: The Strength of a Team

*“The strength of a team is each individual member. The strength of each member is the team.”*

**Phil Jackson**

The strength of a team, working together cohesively, towards a common goal, using different skill sets and knowledge enhances performance and produces a great outcome.

Putting on a large event is no mean feat! Pre-pandemic, Wellbeing People ran an annual wellbeing event, The Wellbeing Symposium, with top keynote speakers, wellbeing workshops, exhibitors, question time, demonstrations and much more.

As always, months and months of planning accelerated to intense organisation and hard work in the last few weeks! The day would arrive and we were ready to go! All we could do is hope that delegates show up and most of all enjoy and benefit from attending this pioneering wellbeing event! Hours of preparation are gone in what seems like a blink of an eye.

However, the rewards snowball, gaining strength as delegates make vital connections, taking away essential wellbeing messages, strategies, and in many cases personal changes to promote a more positive and healthy lifestyle.

## The Strength of a Team

Recognising the contributions of others and what you or a group of people can gain from each individual, makes for great teamwork! It creates synergy where the combined effect of the team is greater than that of individual efforts.

The attention to detail and the pride shown by the Wellbeing People team was so evident at The Wellbeing Symposium events.

This was noticed and commented on by delegates, sponsors, and partners; from working tirelessly to make sure our products and services were in tip-top condition through to simple helpful acts of kindness and thoughtfulness; quickly tidying up wiring to improve the appearance of the stand; wiping down our Health Kiosk between each use; picking up someone's coat which had fallen on the floor; approaching a delegate to offer assistance or plate up some lunch for a colleague who hadn't yet had a break; the list goes on and on – and every team member made all the difference

## 6 Benefits of adopting great Teamwork

**More efficient.** Teamwork enables employees to work together to breakdown difficult tasks into simpler ones, and complete them faster!

**Promotes strong working relationships.** Employees that work together form bonds of trust and friendship which improves communication, motivation, cooperation and provides support.

**Provides accountability.** Each team member becomes accountable for their own piece of work which means the team fulfills its commitments, meets its goals and completes projects on time!

**Increased innovation.** Teams bring multiple perspectives which leads to deeper innovation and faster solutions.

**Enhanced personal growth.** Put a group of people together on a project and they will learn from each other, understand each other's strengths and correct each other's mistakes.

**Happier team members.** Research from the University of Warwick in England suggests happy employees are up to 20 percent more productive than unhappy employees. A recent study shows that encouraging mutual respect, honest feedback, and personal openness within the team promotes 80% higher emotional-wellbeing.

The strength of a team leads to better decisions, products, or services. Therefore, understanding how to foster each team member's individual strengths will lead to the success of the whole team. I know, that I am certainly proud to be a member of the Wellbeing People team. I truly believe that creating a positive working atmosphere and supporting each other to combine individual strengths is vital to achieving a happy positive workforce. Which in turn, is also essential for our overall wellbeing!

<https://www.wellbeingpeople.com/>





# AUGUST CELEBRANTS

Ayoola is a business transformation manager and corporate finance professional with experience in business incubation, business repositioning, project finance, debt structuring, financial analysis/modelling, valuation and debt/equity capital raising.

He is currently the CEO of CS Advance Finance Company Limited (a subsidiary of CardinalStone Partners Limited), where he redesigned the firm's strategy and has implemented a new operating framework for the business in line with the Group's strategic plans and agenda.

Prior to CS Advance, Ayoola led CardinalStone Registrars for about five years, where he successfully repositioned the business to attain market leadership in the Nigerian Registrar Industry.



**ROTARIAN IN FOCUS**  
**RTN AYoola ADEOLA**

Ayoola also led the Structured Finance team in CardinalStone for about four years, where he participated in a number of project finance and debt structuring transactions for institutions across several industries.

During this period, he was part of the team that incubated and set-up the leading document management company in Nigeria — DataGuard, a company that currently provides document management services to leading local and multinational companies operating in Nigeria.

His other experiences include Wizer Advisory, where he worked as a financial analyst completing several engagements on investment appraisal, valuation, financial due diligence and mergers and acquisitions; and Zenith Bank, where he was involved in several credit and FX/Import transactions for leading local and international firms operating in Nigeria.

Ayoola has over 15 years outstanding career in investment banking, commercial banking, capital markets and consulting during which he served in leadership positions for over half of the period.

Ayoola is passionate about sales, corporate and retail lending, digital innovation and digital strategy implementation.

## BIRTHDAYS IN AUGUST

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**1 AUG**

**Happy Birthday**  
**Our Dear Rotarian**  
**AMARIE NAPOLEON**

Your poise and strength are what makes you special

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**2 AUG**

**Happy Birthday**  
**Our Dear Rotarian**  
**ABUBAKAR JOSE**

Your poise and strength are what makes you special

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**Aug 10**

**Happy Birthday**  
**President**  
*We wish you a happy and prosperous new age*

**ROTARIAN**  
**Maj.Gen Abiodun Role Rtd.**  
**FSS MSS DSS GSS fdc+**

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**6 AUG**

**Happy Birthday**  
**Our Dear Rotarian**  
**AYoola ADEOLA**

Your Poise and strength are what makes you special

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**17 AUG**

**Happy Birthday**  
**Our Dear Rotarian**  
**FOLORUNSO KASUMU**

Your experience and poise are what makes you special

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**5 AUG**

**Happy Birthday**  
**Our Dear Rotarian**  
**EKI EBOIGBE**

Our vivacious, serious, fun and dedicated rotarian, all the good qualities that make you a remarkable lady

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**19 AUG**

**Happy Birthday**  
**Our Dear Rotarian**  
**ABAYOMI AWOYEMI**

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