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DISCUSSING  
“THE AMAZING  
WORLD OF ROTARY”**

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**SPEAKER**

**Past President Dare Adeyeri**  
RC Lagos Club Trainer

**TOPIC**

**The Amazing World of Rotary**

🕒 12:30PM-1:00PM

📅 2nd Aug., 2023.

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Ikoyi,  
Lagos.

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# EDITOR-IN-CHIEF'S CORNER



## The Secret Ingredient to our Success as Rotarians.

Corporations have a duty to act in a way that benefits society and the environment, as well as their own image. Such acts fall in line with their Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) and resonates with the business world.

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Do they have any good to offer society? The idea that every person has a moral and ethical obligation to behave in a way that positively affects the community they live in, can be referred to as Individual Social Responsibility (ISR). It is not enough to rely on corporations or governments to do all the good. We all have a role to play in making the world a better place.

As Rotarians, we demonstrate our ISR by following the Objects of Rotary and the 4 Way Test, which guide us to act ethically and sensitively towards social, economic, environmental and health causes. We make a difference when we apply these principles in our daily lives, whether at home, work, school or community settings. We are not just doing good for ourselves, but for others as well.

That is why we say "Rotary is Good" and we encourage each other not to be "weary in doing good". Our individual social responsibility should be the secret ingredient of our success stories as Rotarians.

Let us be reminded to continue making donations towards supporting our Club's Projects. We can also sponsor the Club's half hour fellowship when we meet to share drinks, network and get to know about the work each of us is doing. This week, we beam our lights on the SAA, Rtn. Chioma Okigbo. She will be sharing her most memorable moments as a Rotarian. We are also happy to celebrate more birthdays of members.

May the good we do bring more happiness to us and the world we live in.

Vive Le Rotary!!!!

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### 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



**Distinguished Fellow Rotarians,**  
**I humbly welcome you all to the Membership and Club Development month.**

The President Rotary International, Gordon McInally, at the last Rotary Convention in Melbourne expressed the passionate desire for the current membership worldwide to be expanded to include more younger members, particularly those who are under the age of 30 and to charter more Clubs.

Although the District hopes membership would increase by 20% before the end of this Rotary year, our Club takes cognisance that quality of membership is more important.

Our membership goal, however, is to attract 10% of our current membership and also work towards chartering another Club too. In this regard, we must commend the Immediate Past President, Joe Akhigbe and PAG Niyi Sowemimo who worked hard to charter two Clubs, Rotary Club of Admiralty and Rotary Club of Ajah Golden, in the last rotary year.

Our drive towards immediate commencement of our projects seems to be taking off slowly, because we need to reconcile the state of the Club's account and to fulfil our statutory obligations to Rotary International and the District.

In the few days ahead, we hope to carry out our second project of supporting the Maternal and Child Health at the Military Hospital, Yaba. Detail information will be passed to members for maximum participation.

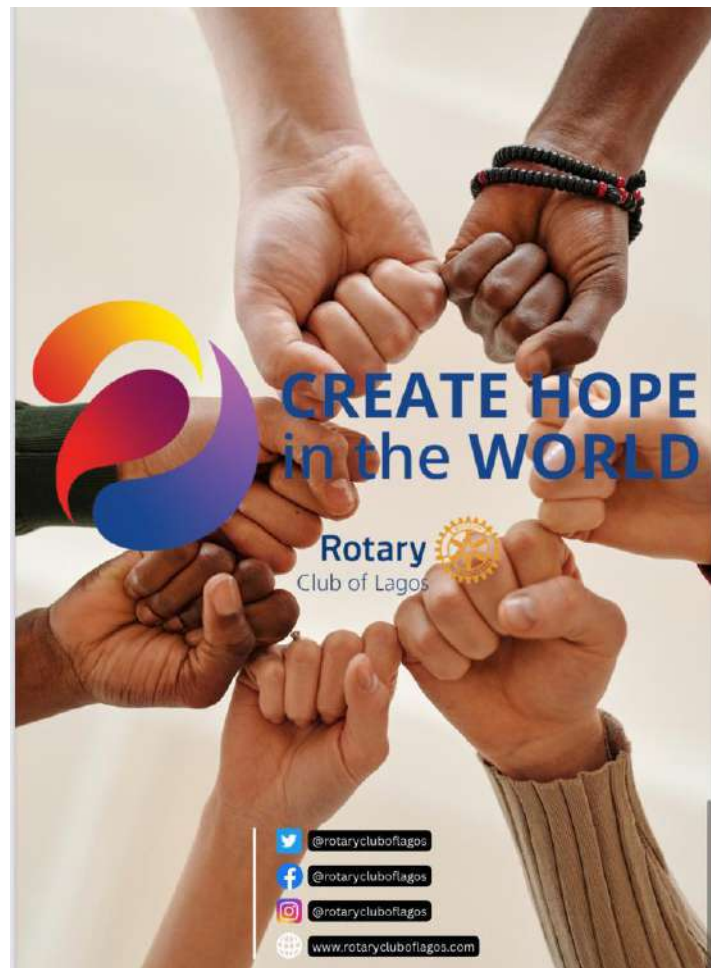
I use this privilege to congratulate all our distinguished members who celebrated their birthdays in July and to thank all members who supported them with generous donations too. May we continue to have good cause to celebrate. It's on this note that I welcome us to another week of fulfilled Rotary aspirations.

Esteem regards.

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

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

**HOPE PRESIDENT  
2023-2024**



# MINUTES: Weekly Meeting Held on July 19th, 2023

## MINUTES OF THE WEEKLY FELLOWSHIP MEETING OF THE ROTARY CLUB OF LAGOS HELD ON THE 19TH OF JULY, 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.

1. Rotary Prayer- PP Ogunbayo, Ibikunle
2. Object of Rotary:- Rtn. Bamgbade Muyiwa
3. 4-way Test – Rtn. Bob-Egbe, Olusola

2.0. Opening Remark.

2.1. President Abiodun Role warmly welcomed everyone to the meeting. He informed all that last week was the first meeting in the rotary year and the club trainer PP Dare Adeyeri trained on leadership in Rotary. President further introduced the theme for the month 'material and child health'.

Dr. Adaranijo was introduced to talk to members on the theme. President further talked about the importance of paying dues and announced the new due of 125,000 naira. He further said that the due can be spread over the year for flexibility. President informed members that the club admin has introduced meal for the first 15 people to arrive at the meeting. President hereby invite Rotn. Dr Adaranijo to speak to us on the topic.

The topic was discussed for about 20 min with questions and answers brief of the topic below.

***“Post partum depression occurs in 1 to 10 new mums. It may also occur in men. May be due to: hormonal changes of pregnancy or lack of emotional support.***

***It may manifest in a range of symptoms from "low mood" to frank "psychosis"***

***Most are resolved without treatment. But they may need professional help.***

***New mothers need emotional support and help.***

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President rounded up the day's topic with his personal experience with his friend story about the topic. President Elect was called to lead the song for the day. He picked the song "when the saints go marching in".

3.0 Announcement

3.1 President announce the additional donation of one hundred thousand naira (100,000) from Rotarian Kehinde Akinsete towards president installation ceremony.

President started the talk on the July Birthday with focus and the Rotn chioma and kolawole the birth birthday in the week. All members stood to sing the birthday song while Rotn chioma and kolawole were seated.

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4.0 S.A.A

4.1 President Abiodun Role announced his donation of =N=50,000 towards the birthday followed by

Rotn. Kolawole Ogunbowale	=N=100,000
Paid	
Lt. Gov. Kunle Ogunbayo	=N= 50,000
Rotn Lamidi Adetunji	=N= 20,000
Rotn Toki Mabogunje	=N= 20,000
Rotn Ayoola Adeola	=N= 10,000
Rotn Ifeoma Williams	=N= 50,000
Rotn Owolabi Adegoke	=N= 30,000
Rotn Gabriel	=N= 20,000
Rotn U. K. Eke	Unannounced donation
Rotn. Olushola Bob-Egbe	=N= 20,000
IPP Joseph Akhigbe	=N= 25,000
Rotn. Chioma Okigbo	=N= 50,000
PP Olumide Phillip	=N= 20,000 Paid (Cash)
Rotn. Senator Kola Bajomo.	=N=25,000

4.2 Introduction.

Dr. Niyi Osamiluyi was introduced by chioma on behalf of Rotn. Gbenga Onabanjo

Rotn. Lamidi introduced miss Ope Popoola.

The president call upon the Rotaractor Adeyinka of Lagos metropolitan to introduce himself.

President further introduced all Rotarians online.

- Rotn. Dare Adeyeri
- Rotn. Gbenga Onabanjo
- Rotn. Ibiyemi Ayeni
- Rotn. Kamal RC Gbagada
- Rotn. Olaitan Eyiowuawi
- Rotn. Wale
- Rotn. Zulikat W. Abiola
- Rotn. Toyin Emeordi
- Rotn. Tosin Ajayi
- Rotn. Ademola Ojomoyela
- Rotn. Olaseni Oduyoye
- Rotn. Caroline Gbotosho
- Rotn. Chioma Okoli
- Rotn. Sowemimo Gabriel

Rotn. Tunde was called to share joke with members since we have more time.

The president encouraged young members to log in to the Rotary website to get familiar with Rotary International.

The president thanks members at the DG's Installation and said RCL was fully represented at the gathering.

The meeting ended at exactly 2pm. Recognizing Rt club Gbagada joined online and Rotary International followed by the national anthem and the meeting ended.

Total Cash collection at the gate	6,000 cash
Other cash S.A.A	20,000 Cash
	3,000 POS
Rotn Akinlade Hakim Dues	62,500 Cheque

Expenses

Paid expenses	22,500 Cash
Change collectable	350

**Rotarian Kolawole Ogunbowale**

Asst. Secretary, 2023-2024

July, 2023.



# MINUTES: Board Meeting Held on July 25th, 2023.

## MINUTES OF THE BOARD MEETING HELD ON THE 25TH OF JULY 2023, AT THE METROPOLITAN CLUB, KOFO ABAYOMI STREET, VICTORIA ISLAND.

Apologies:	Attendance:
Rotarian Toki Mabogunje	1. President Abiodun Role
Rotarian Ifeoma Williams	2. IPP Joseph Akhigbe
Rotarian Oluseyi Edu.	3. Rotarian Tosin Ajayi
Rotarian Olayinka Oladunjoye	4. Rotarian C. Otegbeye
Rotarian Toyin Odulate	5. RTN Jude Chiemeka
Rotarian Chioma Okigbo.	6. Rotarian U.K. Eke
Pres. Elect Adetunji Lamidi	7. Rotarian Ibiyemi Ayeni
Rotarian Abayomi Adeyeri	8. RTN Kola Ogunbowale
	9. RTN Olusola Bob-Egbe
	10. Past President Dare Adeyeri
	Club Administration
	Committee Report for July 2023

1.0 The meeting commenced at 5pm prompt.  
Opening Prayer- Rotarian Jude Chiemeka.

1.1 Welcome Address  
The president welcomed everyone to the board meeting. He announced that LIRS had donated to the club a cheque of N500,000.00. The club's appreciation letter will be delivered when the cheque is collected.

2.0 Statement of Account: Immediate Past President Joseph Akhigbe commended the president for the detailed compilation of names of donors, however, there is a need to reconcile the names of the goodwill messages sent. He complained that his name was wrongly spelt.  
Rotarian U.K.Eke suggested that, the treasurer should prepare a separate report for the installation ceremony on the total income and expenditure.  
The president stated that the chairperson Rotarian Olayinka Oladunjoye promised to follow up on her colleagues and friends who made pledges to the club.

3.0 Maternal and Childcare: - The president and the Chair of the committee Rotarian (Dr) Sola Bob- Egbe approached the director of Army Medical Primary Health Centre, who directed them to the Military hospital in Yaba, because it has wider coverage of large communities. He stated that once the NEEDS assessment has been concluded the items to be donated would be decided.  
Comments: Rtn U.K.Eke suggested that rather than the regular incubators we donate to hospitals, we could partner with organisations and food companies that can donate to this cause. That, we could focus on the post delivery, for the mother and the child; the malnourished children within our communities. This would go a long way in supporting such families and relieving them of their feeding burden.  
The president responded that members would be called upon to use their goodwill to bring these companies along, to partner with the club in supporting and donating

the hospital needs to the hospital instead of the incubators that the club usually donate which is quite pricey. She promised to compare the prices of incubators and their brands from different vendors.

-Rtn Bolanle Opadokun  
-Rtn Damilola Timson  
-Rtn Muyiwa Bamigbade  
-Rtn Raphael Abiiba  
-Rtn Eki Eboigbe  
-Rtn Victor Tobenna Ezenwoke  
Rtn Comfort Otegbeye  
Director, Club Administration

1.0 Society for the Blind:-The president discussed with Dr Seinde Akinsete on how the club would be partnering with the Nigerian Society for the Blind and give adequate support towards their needs.

2.0 Ilara Community: The president confirmed that the club will continue to engage the Kabiyesi on the development of the school as the need arises.

3.0 International Exchange Visit: Rotarian Wuraola Abiola spoke on behalf of the Chair, that the two countries penned down for the Rotary year's exchange visit are Namibia and Ghana. A poll would be conducted for members to vote, and the club will visit the country with the highest number of votes.

4.0 Public Image: - President Abiodun Role stated that the club has paid for the reactivation of the website. The president is assured of the good work the public image team would put up.

5.0 Weekly Bulletin:- Due to the rising cost of publication of the bulletin, the club will be publishing the bulletin once in a month, however, the soft copy will be available to the members via email twice a month; mid month and end of the month.

6.0 Office Space-The search for an office space for the club continues as it has become even more sacrosanct. The president mentioned the efforts made so far on the search and will keep the board members posted on any development.

Response: IPP Akhigbe advised members not to jettison the club's plan of getting its own permanent place, he suggested that the club could get a whole floor in a multi-level building to buy and use. He stated further that it could also generate revenue for that club.

10.0 Directors and Committee Chairs' reports:-  
A. ROTARY FOUNDATION

The Rotary Foundation (TRF) citation goal as approved by the board is \$210,000 spread across all the funds, fellowships, and societies as detailed below.

# MINUTES: Board Meeting Held on July 25th, 2023 CONT.

## EXPECTED INCOME EXPECTED CONTRIBUTION

	EXPECTED INCOME	EXPECTED CONTRIBUTION
<b>POLIO</b>	<b>\$2000</b>	<b>RCL Statutory</b>
<b>POLIO SOCIETY members</b>	<b>\$3000</b>	<b>@ \$100 each 30</b>
<b>PHF members</b>	<b>\$14000</b>	<b>14</b>
<b>EREY members</b>	<b>\$11000</b>	<b>111</b>
<b>PHS</b>	<b>\$5000</b>	<b>5000</b>
<b>MAJOR DONOR</b>	<b>\$25000</b>	<b>3</b>
<b>DISTRICT GRANT</b>	<b>\$10000</b>	
<b>GLOBAL GRANT</b>	<b>\$40000</b>	
<b>ENDOWMENT</b>	<b>\$100000</b>	<b>2</b>
<b>BEQUEST SOCIETY</b>		<b>2</b>
<b>BENEFACTOR</b>		<b>2</b>

## CURRENT POSITION

For the month of July, the club has received donations totaling \$13,610.07 from 5 donors, including 3 PHFs.

Going forward, the club will sustain the campaign for funds through individual and committee-aided efforts to ensure that the club retains the district award for best TRF.

## REQUESTS.

1. For the Board to accept this paper for discussion.
2. For the Board to reconstitute the Global Grants and Polio Fund committees.
3. For the Board to approve that at least twice a month, TRF gets a slot to sensitize members at Club fellowships as a basis for eliciting donations.

**Rtn. Elder U.K. Eke MFR**  
**Chairman TRF.**

## A.Membership

### MEMBERSHIP DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE PLANS FOR 2023 – 2024 ROTARY YEAR

The goal of membership development Committee is to increase, Engage & Retain members by establishing more creative approaches to make members more vibrant all through the year.

In a club of 131 members, our approach is to add 26 new members to close at 157 before end of this Rotary year.

The following activities are being proposed to help us stimulate membership and equally encourage members to attract more of their friends, work mates and acquaintances to join Rotary.

PLANS	BUDGET	ACTIVITIES
Rotary Happy hour/ After Hour	Within the annual budget	To create an engagement for Rotarians to unwind in an informal atmosphere once every month.
Rotary Informal Beach party	Within the annual budget	Informal beach engagement in a resort with Rotarians and families.
Rotary Membership Cocktail party	Within annual budget	This will be a forum dedicated to bringing out all new Rotarians inducted in the last one year to meet other Rotarians in a very cordial and friendly atmosphere.

## PROPOSED NAMES OF NEW COMMITTEE MEMBERS

1. Jude Chiemeka – Chairman
2. Ifeoma Williams
3. PP Folorunso Kasumu Olaleye
4. Caroline Gbotosho
5. Toyin Odulate
6. Ayo Adeola
7. Damilola Timson
8. Chioma Okigbo
9. Tosin Ajayi

Rotarian Jude Chiemeka  
Director of Membership

Rotarian Chiemeka stated that the plan is to have an indepth evaluation session on the impacts of having quality members. The committee planned to invite one past district governor and two non-rotarians as facilitators to educate members and create more awareness on attraction and quality members to the club.

Reactions: Rotarian U.K Eke reminded members to align with the district and Rotary International goals on membership.

IPP Akhigbe and PP Dare Adeyeri also spoke on the importance of bringing in quality members. They advised that a sponsor is expected to have educated the intending member on what Rotary is all about and ensure they have interest in participating.



# MINUTES: Board Meeting Held on July 25th, 2023 CONT.

## C. Club Administration

Club Administration Committee Report for July 2023

1.-The goals of the Committee are to:

- increase members engagements
- make each meeting day vibrant and memorable
- promote the image of the club.

### 2.Attendance:

3 meetings were held (the first being the DG's visit to the club) and a good number of members were in attendance with a few 100 percenters. Visiting Rotarians, Rotaractors and guests attended some of the meetings.

### 3.Speakers:

The speakers for this month were our respected members.

(a) PP Dare Adeyeri, the club trainer spoke to members on Leadership in Rotary.

(b) Rtn Dr. Monisola Adanijo spoke on the topic 'Post Partum Depression in Mothers (cause, effect, solution and follow up)

### 4.Fellowship Activities:

All birthday celebrants present at meetings were recognized in our usual manner. Visiting Rotarians and guests were warmly welcomed.

### 5.Magazines:

Members have received maiden copies of the Lagos Rotarian published for the new Rotary year.

### 6.What to expect in August 2023

- Present certificate of full attendance to deserving members.
- Happy hour will be more organised and structured – knowledge sharing and networking.
- Peer new members with older ones (mentoring)
- Monthly raffle draws.

### 7.DG Installation

The DG's installation was held on the 15th of July, and members turnout was quite impressive.

### 8.Committee Members:

-Rtn Comfort Otegbeye – Chair

-Rtn Bridget Uko

-Rtn Bolanle Opadokun

-Rtn Damilola Timson

-Rtn Muyiwa Bamigbade

-Rtn Raphael Abiiba

-Rtn Eki Eboigbe

-Rtn Victor Tobenna Ezenwoke

Rtn Comfort Otegbeye

Director, Club Administration

## D. SERVICE PROJECTS

Service project budget for this Rotary year as approved by the board is ₦50 million spread across our service projects as approved by the board in the work book as follows:

Micro – Credit Scheme

Internally Displayed people (IDP) Center support World peace & understanding day Symposium Cervical Cancer Vaccination Programme

Mental Health Programs

Family Health Day Program

Support for basic education

Support for primary health care centers

Support water sanitation and disease prevention Planting of trees Friendship exchange outside of the country

Present Status

The club was able to secure three new sponsors namely:

1. Greenwich Capital

2. Heirs life assurance

3. Digibrands GreenHub Africa Foundation

The club also have ₦10 million for Iperu borehole projects as counterpart funding for global grant.

### Request

For the club to send letters to the mentioned organizations on 26th July, 2023 once approved by the president.

Rtn. Owolabi Adegoke PMP

Service Project Director

## E. PUBLIC IMAGE

PUBLIC IMAGE PLAN FOR THE 2023-2024 ROTARY YEAR 25.7.23

The President Rotary Club of Lagos, President-Elect, fellow Rotarians.

This serves as a progress report of our public image efforts, since the start of the new Rotary year [2023- 2024]. The year began with two major tentpole events; the visit to RCL by the District Governor, Lady Ifeyinwa Ejezie, as well as the installation of our club president, Major General Role [Rtd.]

Although the club had coverage mostly in print, the essence of the club and activities could have been much better captured. Hence, the committee is in the process of developing a standard press kit for the club.

The overarching objective for this year is to develop and entrench a 3-5 year PI strategy for the Rotary Club of Lagos.

# MINUTES: Board Meeting Held on July 25th, 2023 CONT.

## IMMEDIATE ACTIVITIES:

1. Engage a sub committee, with the following suggested members for now:
  - a. Rotarian Toyin Odulate
  - b. Rotarian Jude Chiemeka This list is not closed.
2. Hire a new digital manager- Ongoing
3. Overhaul and update all digital and social platforms
4. Share and critique the PI plan for the year, and strategise, include processes, up to the district level
5. Educate club members on the purpose of PI and how we can all partner in this purpose to wit:
  - a. Plan for the year and possibilities
  - b. Stakeholder press conference and objectives
  - c. Raise funds for marketing!!

As a reminder, our measurable goals include the following:

1. Enhancement of the club's public image
2. Create greater visibility and public awareness of the impact of our projects in the community
3. Media education for members of the club
4. Strategic media placements across the 360 media wheel, beyond print media
5. Digi-savvy- Interactivity through social and digital media
6. Position the club to attract new and impactful members through our enhanced image

Thank you.  
Ifeoma Williams  
Director Public Image RCL 2023/24

## F. Micro Credit

MICRO CREDIT PROJECTS 2023 – 2024.  
Rotarian Eki Eboigbe.

Area of focus- Community Economic Development  
July 2023 Report.

The Rotary Club of Lagos Micro Credit initiative seeks to provide micro funding to micro businesses and commerce communities to enhance and enable higher business generation which in turn provides a means for the recipients to increase their income and to better provide for their families.

On July 5th, 2023, the Sangrouse Market Union, due to a longstanding trusted relationship was presented with a Cheque for the sum of One Million Naira Only (N1, 000,000,000.00), during the Club fellowship.

The interest free loan repayments will be due in 6 months While, disbursement of the sum of One Million Naira Only (N1, 000,000,000.00), in March 3rd, 2023 to the Ifako Women Traders Union, is due to be refunded in the month of September 2023.

The committee funding and sponsorship plans are to increase the current Micro Credit funds of N5 Million to N10 Million, which will expand the beneficiaries' scope.

Thank you

Committee Members  
Rotarian Eki Eboigbe– Chair  
Rotarian Victor Ezenwoko  
Rotarian Adeola Kotey  
Rotarian Aissatou Diouf  
Rotarian Ayoola Adeola  
Rotarian Zahra Ell Allaoui  
Advisers  
Rotarian Toyin Odulate  
Rotarian Adetunji Lamidi  
G). Fund Raising.

UPDATED REPORT-FUNDRAISING 2023-2024  
Kindly find attached updated report on above subject.  
The breakdown is as follows based on the content of the attachment.

**Goodwill message-N1,670,000**  
**Corporate Advert-N1,300,000**  
**General Donations-N30,655,500**  
**Total N33,625,500**

Kindly note that there are some members who placed advert in our brochure and they are yet to pay up despite the fact that such adverts appeared in the installation brochure. We will compile the list and enforce payment.

Thank you.  
Rotarian Abayomi Adeyeri  
Chair Fundraising. 2023-2024.

11.0 A.O.B:-

The secretariat was advised by Rotarian U.K. Eke to make enquiries on the criteria required to win the 1st position at the district. He urged the secretary to understand what it takes to win this award and stated that it should be a challenge to all board members to put in the work to win all the awards in their various categories.

# MINUTES: Boarding Meeting Held on July 25th, 2023 CONT.

ii. Bannerette: IPP Joseph Akhigbe reminded the board members of the urgent need to make more bannerettes, that the number of bannerette is fast running out, and barely 10 pieces are left. The admin would look into the reproduction.

iii. Partnership: IPP Akhigbe also spoke about the need to develop a relationship with the BOI and be able to partner with them on the club's projects.

He is arranging to book an appointment to go and decorate the M.D. with the two PHF pins donated on his behalf by the club to Rotary Foundation.

12.0. Adjournment: - The meeting ended at 7:25pm with a motion for adjournment moved by Rotarian U.K Eke and seconded by Rotarian Jude Chiemeka.

**Rotn. Tosin Ajayi**  
Secretary 2023-2024  
July, 2023.

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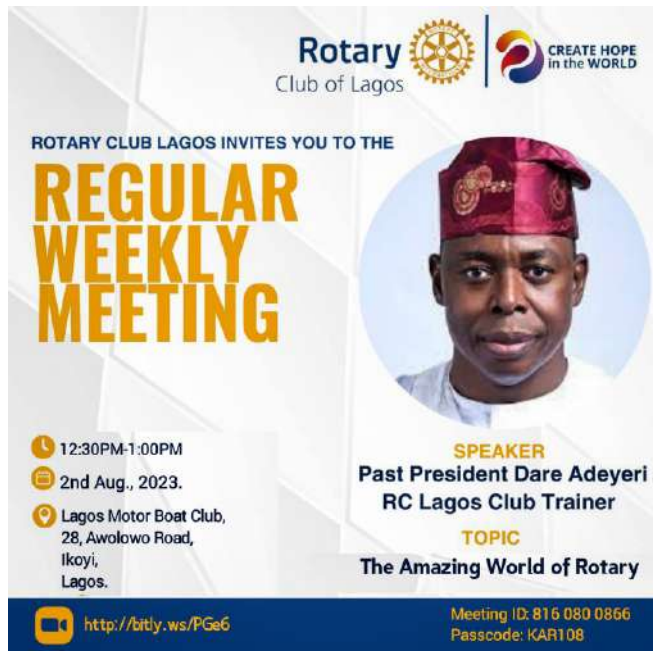
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## BOARD MEMBERS OF ROTARY CLUB OF LAGOS 2023/2024 ROTARY YEAR

- Abiodun Role - President
- Joseph Akhigbe - Immediate Past President
- Adetunji Lamidi - President Elect
- Toki Mabogunje - 1st Vice President /Chair World Understanding Day
- Toyin Odulate - 2nd Vice President
- Tosin Ajayi - Secretary
- Kolawole Ogunbowale - Assistant Secretary
- Oluseyi Edu - Treasurer
- Comfort Otegbeye - Director, Administration
- U K Eke MFR - Director, Rotary Foundation
- Jude Chiemeka - Director, Membership
- Owolabi Adegoke - Director, Service Project
- Ifeoma Williams - Director, Public Image
- Ibiyemi Ayeni - Director, Youth Service
- Chioma Okigbo - Sergeant-At-Arms

## COMMITTEE CHAIRS

- PP Babawale Agbeyangi - Chair, Strategy & Planning
- Wuraola Abiola - Chair, International Service
- Caroline Gbotoso - Chair, Welfare Committee
- Ayo Ajayi - Chair, History & Archives
- Victor Ikeji - Chair, President's Dinner
- PP Dare Adeyeri - Club Trainer
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- Olayinka Oladunjoye - Chair, Installation Ceremony
- Toki Mabogunje - Chair, World Understanding Day
- Eki Eboigbe - Chair, Micro-Credit
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Past President Dare Adeyeri  
RC Lagos Club Trainer

**TOPIC**  
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🕒 12:30PM-1:00PM  
📅 2nd Aug., 2023.  
📍 Lagos Motor Boat Club, 28, Awolowo Road, Ikoyi, Lagos.

<http://bitly.ws/PGe6> Meeting ID: 816 080 0866  
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# MINUTES: Business Meeting Held on July 26th, 2023

## Minutes of the Business Meeting Held on July 25th, 2023 at the Lagos Motor Boat Club and Via Zoom Platform

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

- Rotary Prayer- Past president Hakim Akinlade**
- Object of Rotary- Rotarian Aderoju Akinbo**
- 4-way test- Rotarian Comfort Otegbeye**

1.1 **Welcome Remark**-President Abiodun Role heartily welcomed everyone to the meeting. He specially acknowledged the presence of all the elders at the meeting and appreciated them for their immense support.

2.0. **Minutes of last business meeting**- The secretary, Rotarian Tosin Ajayi, read out the minutes of the last business minutes.

With no correction nor comment,, the motion for adoption was moved by past President Kola Bajomo and seconded by President Elect Adetunji Lamidi.

3.0. **Statement of Account**- President Abiodun Role ran through the statement of account sent by the Treasurer.

Reacting, Past President Anthony Egbe stated that the installation ceremony report should be done separately for proper audit purposes.

Past Assistant Governor Hakim Akinlade also commented on the report, he asked questions about the district and R.I. dues and also asked that the full detail of the installation ceremony account be prepared for the club.

Rtn Ayo Oni suggested that the report should be taken back and redone by the treasurer , applying the appropriate headings for each section and append her signature on the report.

4.0. **Office space**- The need to urgently get an office space for the club has become pertinent. The club has been searching for a befitting one and efforts are being intensified on this search.

Comment

PP Olumide Philips, mentioned that one room apartment should be ideal for now.

### Reports of Directors and Chairs

a. **Rotary Foundation**: Rotarian U.K Eke. The Rotary Foundation (TRF) citation goal as approved by the board is \$210,000 spread across all the funds, fellowships, and societies as detailed below.

### EXPECTED INCOME EXPECTED CONTRIBUTION

POLIO SOCIETY	\$2000	RCL Statutory	POLIO
PHF	\$3000 @ \$100	each	30 members
EREY	\$14000		14 members
PHS	\$11000		111 members
MAJOR DONOR	\$5000		5000
DISTRICT GRANT	\$25000		3
GLOBAL GRANT	\$10000		
ENDOWMENT	\$40000		
BEQUEST SOCIETY	\$100000		2
BENEFACTOR			2

### CURRENT POSITION

For the month of July, the club has received donations totaling \$13,610.07 from 5 donors, including 3 PHFs.

Going forward, the club will sustain the campaign for funds through individual and committee-aided efforts to ensure that the club retains the district award for best TRF.

### REQUESTS.

- For the Board to accept this paper for discussion.
- For the Board to reconstitute the Global Grants and Polio Fund committees.
- For the Board to approve that at least twice a month, TRF gets a slot to sensitize members at Club fellowships as a basis for eliciting donations.

### Rtn. Elder U.K. Eke MFR

Chairman TRF.

b. **Service Project**: Rotarian Goke Owolabi Service project budget for this Rotary year as approved by the board is ₦50 million spread across our service projects as approved by the board in the work book as follows:

Micro – Credit Scheme

Internally Displayed people (IDP) Center support

World peace & understanding day Symposium

Cervical Cancer Vaccination Programme

Mental Health Programs

Family Health Day Program

Support for basic education

Support for primary health care centers

Support water sanitation and disease prevention

Planting of trees

Friendship exchange outside of the country

### Present Status

The club was able to secure three new sponsors namely:

- Greenwhich Capital
- Heirs life assurance

# MINUTES: Business Meeting Held on July 26th, 2023 CONT.

3. Digibrands GreenHub Africa Foundation  
The club also have ₦10 million for Iperu borehole projects as counterpart funding for global grant.

**Request**

For the club to send letters to the mentioned organizations on 26th July, 2023 once approved by the president.

**Rtn. Owolabi Adegoke PMP**  
**Service Project Director**

**Comments:**

i. Past President Olumide Philips opined that the club should adopt Ilara Primary School and provide continuous and adequate support until the school is self-sufficient. He believes that the club should be able to showcase the school to the world as her project. That the club should continue to water the Ilara project and ensure to take our Rotarian friends and partners there whenever they visit us. He suggested that the club should have a yearly budget for the Ilara school when preparing the annual budget.

ii. He also stated that the wordings on the commemorative plaque placed on the wall of the school should be redone, to read, Rotary Club of Lagos as the main donor in conjunction with the Address Homes and Downen College.

iii. Past Assistant Governor Hakim Akinlade suggested to revisit the project of PP Larry Agose in conjunction with Nigerian Breweries at a school in Surulere where a library was donated and has been permanently locked up by the school.

iv. PP Philips would like the Vocational School Project be brought back to Ikorodu and the need to revisit library project at Oriwu College, that Doween College has volunteered to donate one educational project this Rotary year

**C.Membership-** Rotarian Jude Chiemeka

The goal of membership development Committee is to **Increase, Engage & Retain** members by establishing more creative approaches to make members more vibrant all through the year. In a club of 131 members, our approach is to add 26 new members to close at 157 before end of this Rotary year. The following activities are being proposed to help us stimulate membership and equally encourage members to attract more of their friends, work mates and acquaintances to join Rotary.

PLANS	BUDGET	ACTIVITIES
Rotary Happy Within the hour/ After Hour	annual budget	To create an engagement for Rotarians to unwind in an informal atmosphere once every month.
Rotary Informal Beach party	Within the annual budget	Informal beach engagement in a resort with Rotarians and families.
Rotary Membership Cocktail party	Within annual budget	This will be a forum dedicated to bringing out all new Rotarians inducted in the last one year to meet other Rotarians in a very cordial and friendly atmosphere.

**i.Reactions**

PP Olumide Philips stated that the club should focus more on engaging and retaining current members. The President responded that the club will have to align with the District and Rotary International goals on growing membership by 20%.

ii. PP Bajomo suggested that members should not be too comfortable with sticking to online meetings, they should endeavor to come physically too.

iii. PAG Hakim Akinlade said that the manual of procedure contains everything on membership and should be consulted on any issue concerning membership. He drew the attention of the club to Article 7, that the minutes of the board meeting should be made available to members within 30 days of the meeting. Also at the beginning of every Rotary year the estimated income and estimated expenditure should be prepared as a budget. This would curb some unplanned expenses that were not budgeted for at the beginning of the year which would have to come to the board for approval. they go elsewhere.

# MINUTES: Business Meeting Held on July 26th, 2023 CONT.

iv. PP Wale Agbeyangi rounding up the conversation citing an example of when he joined the club 12 years ago, that the membership was about 71. Unfortunately, quite a number of members died and it became a concern to grow membership. He later introduced his friend Adetunji Lamidi and later Ayo Ajayi, thereafter the trio and other members invited more people to join the club. Today, the club is vibrant because of new quality members.

He advised that the club should not stop growing membership, instead, the focus should be on adding quality people to the club. People who will add value to the club, and that we should not be discourage people from joining our club or else

Finally, he stressed the need for the club to embrace the new reality of virtual meetings as it has come to stay and it would not be convenient for people to always be physically present at the club.

The world is a dynamic place and change is constant, he ended.

Adjournment- PAG Hakim Akinlade moved the motion for adjournment of the meeting and was seconded by PP Olumide Philips.

Joke- Rotarian Dele Adetiba gave some rib cracking jokes to the club.

Closing- The President appreciated everyone for their immense contribution to the business meeting and recognized the members online. Meeting ended at 2.25pm with a toast to Rotary Club of Lagos and Rotary International; afterwards members sang the national anthem.

Attendance 38  
Physical 26  
Online 12  
Gate Takings. N13,000.00

**Rotn. Tosin Ajayi**  
**Secretary 2023-2024**  
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**Maternal and Child Health Month.**



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# PHOTO STORY

Meeting Held on July 19th, 2023





# PHOTO STORY

Meeting Held on July 26th, 2023





# ROTARY CLUB OF MENTAL HEALTH & WELLNESS



## Called By A Cause

Maribel Khoury-Shaar, a busy doctor and spouse of a Rotarian, had declined joining Rotary until she learned about a new Rotary club dedicated to mental health and wellness.

This club came at the right time for her, as the pandemic had left her patients anxious and depressed, leading to her own burnout as a healthcare provider. As the president of the Rotary Club of Mental Health & Wellness in District 5280, which covers parts of Los Angeles County in California, she found solace in being around like-minded individuals who were committed to making a positive impact.

The club was chartered during Mental Health Awareness Month in the U.S. and is one of the first cause-based Rotary clubs focusing on mental health and wellness. It was the brainchild of Guity Javid, the governor of District 5280 in 2021-22, who identified mental health as one of her personal priorities. Javid observed that these cause-based clubs attracted not only Rotary spouses who might not have otherwise joined Rotary but also younger members.

The pandemic highlighted the mental health crisis, with many people turning to alcohol and drugs to cope due to isolation.

Mental health issues, including depression, anxiety, and suicide, have garnered attention from Rotarians worldwide. Besides the Mental Health & Wellness club, there is a Rotary Action Group on Mental Health Initiatives and a partnership between Rotary International in Great Britain and Ireland and the nonprofit Bipolar UK.

Despite being relatively new, the Mental Health & Wellness club has already undertaken significant initiatives.

These include awarding \$5,000 in annual scholarships to graduate students pursuing work in mental health, distributing coping kits to children with burn injuries, and promoting mental health and wellness among school-age children through the Inspiring Kindness initiative.

Another focus of the club is serving military veterans, exemplified by their efforts to refurbish an American Legion post in Glendale, California. Marisol Chianello, a club member and attorney in Glendale, took the lead in this project, as her husband is a Gulf War veteran, and she has personally dealt with mental health issues. The club's involvement helped create a space in the post where veterans can find solace and access resources for improving their mental health.

Club President-elect Judith Verduzco, a therapist, also joined the club because of its focus on mental health.

She plans to prioritize suicide prevention and collaborate with organizations providing mental health services and awareness. Verduzco aims to raise awareness about the magnitude of the suicide problem and explore the mental health benefits of community gardening, intending to create tranquility gardens in underserved communities.

The Mental Health & Wellness club has achieved a lot in a short period, meeting virtually twice a month and planning to create opportunities for fellowship and service.

The club's mission is to involve friends and stay connected while making a positive impact on mental health, recognizing its significance for everyone.

By Dinah Eng

<https://www.rotary.org/en/called-cause-rotary-club-mental-health-wellness>



# JULY CELEBRANTS

Mr. Chiemeka has over twenty-nine (29) years of professional experience in Securities Trading and Asset Management across markets in Africa. He joined The Nigerian Stock Exchange as Divisional Head of Trading Business in February, 2019 and post demutualization he is the Divisional Head of Capital Markets at Nigerian Exchange Limited. Before joining the Exchange, he worked with United Capital Securities Limited, a subsidiary of United Capital Plc. He also championed the issuance and listing of the First Eurobonds Mutual Fund(\$10M) listed on the Nigerian Stock Exchange and Wealth for Women Mutual Fund, the first gender focused mutual fund listed on the Nigerian Stock Exchange. Before joining United Capital Plc, He was the CEO/MD of Chapel Hill Denham Securities. He led the firm to rank among the Top 10 brokerage firms responsible for over 70% of market trades with 4% market share. Prior to that, he was the CEO/MD of RenCap Securities (Nigeria) Limited a fully owned subsidiary of Renaissance



**ROTARIAN IN FOCUS**

**RTN. Jude Onyeka Chiemeka**  
 Divisional Head – Capital Markets  
 Nigerian Exchange Limited

Capital Plc. At RenCap Securities In 2008, prior to joining RenCap, he was the Head of Securities Trading at Afrinvest West Africa Ltd. He was also involved in several landmark transactions including the first Global Depository Receipts (GDR) transaction on the floor of the Nigerian Stock Exchange, Nigerian International Debt Fund, Reverse GDR trades etc.

He is a Fellow and Council Member of the Chartered Institute of Stockbrokers (FCS), Member of the Institute of Directors (IOD), Fellow of Association of Investment Advisers and Portfolio Managers and Associate of the Certified Pension Institute of Nigeria.

He completed the Oxford Business School Advanced Management Program (AMP) in 2007, Master in International Law and Diplomacy in 2004 from the University of Lagos and the Lagos Business School Senior Management Programme in 2001. He has a BSc. degree from the University of Lagos in 1992.

## BIRTHDAYS IN JULY

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18 July

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**CHIOMA ADAOBI OKIGBO**  
 Our vibrant, curious, fun and dedicated Rotarian.  
 All the good qualities that make you a remarkable Lady.

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23 July

**Happy Birthday Our Dear Rotarian**  
**STELLA ILORI**  
 Our Gorgeous and Fashionista Rotarian  
 Qualities that make you a remarkable Lady

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28 July

**Happy Birthday Our Dear Past President, Rotarian**  
**OLUMIDE PHILLIPS**  
 Our Gallant, Eloquent and Super Hero  
 Too many good qualities in our past president

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31 July

**Happy Birthday Our Dear Rotarian**  
**JUDE ONYEKA CHIEMEKA**  
 Your poise and strength are what makes you special

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31 July

**Happy Birthday Our Dear Rotarian**  
**WEMIMO ADEBAJO**  
 Your poise and strength are what makes you special

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28 July

**Happy Birthday Our Dear Rotarian**  
**TOSIN OLABIMTAN**  
 The Style, The Glamor, The Beauty All makes you a remarkable Lady

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28 July

**Happy Birthday Our Dear Rotarian**  
**ODULATE TOYIN**  
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15 July

**Happy Birthday Our Dear Rotarian**  
**KOLAWOLE OLASHILE OGUNBOWALE**  
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