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EDITOR-IN-CHIEF'S NOTE



GIVING THAT KEEPS GIVING

Every project that we have implemented through a Global Grant is a gift to our communities. Such gifts have created a lasting impact on the lives of those who received them.

Some of these gifts were packaged as microcredit loans, scholarships, youth leadership sponsorships, back-to-school kits, free educational books to school children, medical equipment, school libraries, boreholes, wheelchairs and mobility aids, building local economies, volunteering and so forth.

Like the proverbial 'gift that keeps giving'. These projects continue to make a difference long after they are completed and handed over to the communities. The benefits are tangible, measurable, and sometimes scalable over time.

This November, we celebrate the Rotary Foundation and our dedication as Rotarians to 'create lasting change in the world'. We trust that the Rotary Foundation will keep transforming our gifts and those of our donors and partners into service projects that will improve lives locally and globally.

But we also need to prepare ourselves to access the Foundation's Global Grants that will empower our local Rotary Clubs to undertake more projects that will address the most urgent needs of our communities.

Projects that will eliminate diseases, protect mothers and children, provide clean and accessible water, safeguard our environments and boost local economies.

Global grants are a way for Rotary International to support large-scale international activities that have sustainable and measurable outcomes in Rotary's areas of focus.

To apply for a global grant, clubs and districts need to be qualified each year by following certain rules.

These include: signing the club qualification memorandum of understanding by the president and president-elect; completing the grant management seminar training by at least one club member, either online or in person, or both; and meeting any additional requirements set by the district.

Global grants can fund these types of activities: humanitarian projects that address community needs; scholarships for graduate-level academic studies in another country; and vocational training teams that exchange professional skills and knowledge with another country.

The minimum budget for a global grant is \$30,000 and the maximum World Fund award is \$400,000. Grant sponsors can use a combination of district designated funds (DDF), cash, and/or directed gifts and endowment earnings to fund a global grant.

The Foundation will match 80 percent of DDF contributions with the World Fund. There is no minimum World Fund match.

Starting a grant process requires planning and preparedness. Clubs should encourage their members and officers to learn more about the subject matter through the Rotary Learning Center.

There are also various tools, resources, reference materials and experts available for more information and guidance. It is better to be well prepared than to make a mistake. The Rotary Club of Lagos has received global grants for implementing projects that created positive impacts in local communities. With the help of our experts and partners, we can do it again soon.

'Together we will continue to make a difference'.



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RTN. BRIDGET KUSI UKO
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

SERVICE PROJECTS



WELCOME TO NOVEMBER



ROTARY FOUNDATION MONTH

“ Let us do our utmost best to make a difference in the life of others , it is the greatest service! ”



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 Esteemed Rotarians,

I welcome you all to this week's fellowship and the delightful month of November. This month, designated as Rotary Foundation month, holds the promise of transformative change.

I implore each of us to bring forth our utmost dedication and make differences that resonate beyond our community. In this spirit, members are responding to our desire to increase our contributions to the Polio Plus and Every Rotarian Every Year (EREY) fund, while our expectations to have more Paul Harris Fellow are still very high.

In our shared commitment to amplify our impact within our community, the firm of our Past President Kehinde Ayo-Kasumu in collaboration with the Rotary Club of Lagos donated three laptops to the Federal Nigeria Society for the Blind Vocational Training Centre for the visually challenged trainees in ICT within the period. This gesture was mostly appreciated by the Society.

I congratulate our distinguished members who are celebrating their birthdays this month. May this special occasion be a reminder of the joy your presence amidst us bring to the Rotary family. Your contributions to the progress of our Club shall continue to enhance the smooth path of our shared journey.

I use this privilege to invite all our members and valued stakeholders to join us at our Annual President's Dinner which holds on Friday, 8th December 2023, at the Ballroom, Federal Palace Hotel, Victoria Island, Lagos. Let our collective presence illuminate the evening with warmth of fellowship and the promise of continued collaboration.

Again, I wish to remind members who are yet to fulfil their annual dues to please do so, while our passionate appeal for donations for the Marrakech-Menara Relief Fund is still on. These efforts play pivotal role in improving lives globally.

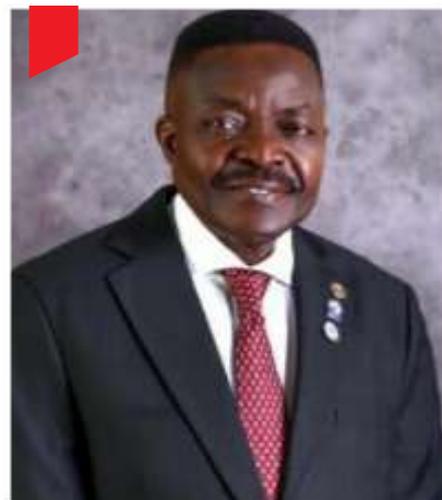
As we carry on service above self, may this month be filled with immense joy and fulfilment of our shared Rotary ideals.

Warmest regards.

ROTARIAN (Maj.Gen) ABIODUN ROLE

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

**HOPE PRESIDENT
2023-2024**



PASSIONATE APPEAL

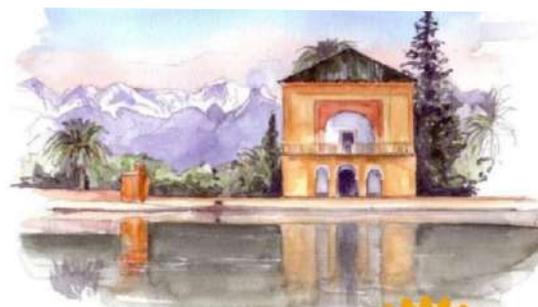
“MARAKECH MENARA RELIEF FUND”

Donations for Marakech Relief Funds can be made into account below:

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MINUTES: ROTARY CLUB OF LAGOS BOARD MEETING HELD ON OCTOBER 24TH, 2023.

Minutes Of Rotary Club of Lagos Board Meeting Held On 24th October, 2023 At Metropolitan Club, Victoria Island, Lagos.

Attendance

1. President Abiodun Role
2. P.E. Adetunji Lamidi
3. V. P. Toki Mabogunje
4. Rotarian Tosin Ajayi
5. Rotarian Wura Abiola
6. Rotarian Ayo Ajayi
7. Rotarian Comfort Otegbeye
8. Rotarian Ifeoma Williams
9. Rotarian Chioma Okigbo
10. Rotarian Monisola Adanijo
11. Rotarian Ehi Braimah
12. Rotarian Victor Ikeji
13. Rotarian Ibiyemi Ayeni
14. Rotarian Kola Olashile

Apologies

1. Rotarian Abayomi Adeyeri
2. Rotarian Seyi Edu

The board meeting commenced at 5pm

- 1.0. **Rotary prayer;** Rotarian Ayo Ajayi
- 2.0. Reading of the last minutes by the secretary.

3.0. Motion for adoption: - The motion for adoption was moved by Rtn. Dr. Wura Abiola, seconded by Rtn. Adetunji Lamidi.

Comments: Rtn. Elder U.K. Eke advised the board to skip the reading of the last meeting since it had been circulated to members who are expected to have read through. This he pointed out will save some valuable time.

4.0. Matters Arising

i. Update on projects: - the President appreciated Chairs and Directors for all the projects executed thus far. He highlighted the club's improvement on publicity and commended the director of public image.

ii. Bannerettes: - Due to the high cost of reproducing the bannerettes, the club will continue to engage with the Chinese

iii. District Conference: - The club has paid for booths for the conference. The chair of the conference Rotarian Lamidi will keep the board abreast of conference developments.

iv. District Rotary Foundation Dinner: - Venue is Muson Center on Nov 26th, 2023. Ticket is ₦ 70,000, all details are as posted on the flyers.

v. Rotary Family Health Day: -from 24th - 26th October, 2023. The club collaborated with three Rotary Clubs to execute the Rotary Family Health Day Project. Venue is Ijeh Community Ground, Obalende, Lagos

vi. Rotaractors's Africa Summit: - This summit is coming up on the last week of November 2023. The club will sponsor two Rotaractors and will be giving some support to the district on the summit.

5.0. Directors' Reports

a. The Rotary Foundation (TRF) Report To The Board Meeting Of October 2023

The Chairman TRF, RCL, Rtn. Elder U.K. Eke MFR presented his report as follows:
The Rotary Foundation (TRF) citation goal for the Club as approved by the board is \$210,000 spread across all the funds, fellowships, and societies as detailed below.

EXPECTED INCOME	EXPECTED CONTRIBUTION
POLIO PLUS \$12,000 RCL members x \$100	
PHF \$27,000	27
EREY \$11,000	111
PHS \$5,000	50
MAJOR DONOR \$25,000	4
DISTRICT GRANT \$10,000	
GLOBAL GRANT \$40,000	
ENDOWMENT \$80,000	3
BEQUEST SOCIETY	2
BENEFACTOR	2

MINUTES: ROTARY CLUB OF LAGOS BOARD MEETING HELD ON OCTOBER 24TH, 2023. CONTD

CURRENT POSITION

Donations by members increased to \$22,287.38 as at the October 23, 2023 (September: \$20,387.00) from 11 donors (September: 6), including 4 PHFs.

ACTIVITIES.

1. Rotarians were sensitized on importance of paying up for Polio Plus and EREY. This yielded dividend as 6 RCL members paid for Polio Plus and 3 paid for EREY. We eagerly expect more donations in this regard.
2. A Rotarian donated \$1,000.00 to the Endowment Fund during the month
3. We are still following up with the District office for the replacement of an incorrectly written PHF certificate.
4. 2 members were engaged for PHF membership and 1 for Bequest Society membership.

We continue to see delayed donations due to the rising exchange rate and adverse economic conditions. However, we are optimistic that donations will pick up.

REQUEST.

1. That the Board accepts this paper for discussion and records.
2. That the President continues emphasizing redemption of Polio Plus and EREY commitments by members at every opportunity.

b. Public Image And Strategic Communications Report For The Month Of October 2023-2024 Rotary Year

The Director, Public Image Rotn. Ifeoma Williams presented her report as follows:
The progress report of the public image efforts for the month of October 2023.

CLUB ACTIVITIES

- Basic Education and Literacy Day at the St. Thomas Aquinas primary school
- Rotary Day of Service and Celebration of the international day of the girl child
- World Polio Day Rotary Clubs' Walk

There was great media coverage and presence at the aforementioned 3 events. The response was impactful, with more Rotarians participating.

CHALLENGES

- Adequate funding for media activities
- Website Manager is non responsive, there are plans to disengage and engage competent replacement
- Board leadership by example: An appeal to board members to participate and be responsive in good time to our request for content, for instance, The Rotary is Good Video.
- Better media contacts for timely release

NEXT STEPS

- Change in direction prescribed by the strategy document developed with a focus on public image and strategic communications. I have met and will be guided by the director of strategy
- Better communication on the purview of the public image portfolio to members
- More inclusive membership activities that can be captured as engaging audio visuals for enhanced visibility as well as to attract new members- The ROTARY IS GOOD documentary

c. Word Peace and Understanding Day Committee
Reporting the committee's plan, the chair of the committee Rotarian Toki Mabogunje announced the tentative date as February 14th, 2024.

A draft budget and program are still being explored subject to board's approval. The committee is looking to raise funds, secure full attendance and have sought the approval to go ahead. Three themes have been put forward, together with some selected speakers to be picked from.

d. President's Dinner Organizing Committee.

The chairman of the committee Rotarian Victor Ikeji, presented the summary of the budget for the president's dinner.

The committee has carved out platinum tables at ₦1m each, and platinum chairs for those who cannot afford a platinum table but can afford one chair at ₦250,000.00. Cards will be available for both single and double at ₦30,000 and ₦50,000 each.

There will be goodwill messages and corporate adverts. A run down of the funding projections were highlighted.

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e. Youth service Committee

The youth service director Rotarian Ibiyemi Ayeni, is grateful to board members and the entire club for their support towards RYLA. The Rotaract club summit is scheduled to hold on 24th November, 2023.

The board is sponsoring two Rotaractors for the summit and will also support the district towards the event.

A total of ₦ 450,000.00 was approved for sponsorship towards Two Rotaractors and donation towards souvenirs to the district for the summit.

f. Polio Committee

Rotarian Monisola Adanijo the Chair of Polio Committee gave a brief report on the polio walk. The walk was a successful one with the club receiving an award from the district for being the highest contributor to the polio plus funds with a total of \$28,735.00. She hopes the club will match and surpass this amount this rotary year.

g. Adoption:

The motion for adoption of reports was moved by Vice President, Rotarian Toki Mabogunje, seconded by President Elect, Rotarian Adetunji Lamidi.

f. Closing

The meeting ended at 7.40pm, after the president appreciated members who took their valuable time to attend the board meeting.

Signed

Rotn. Tosin Ajayi
Secretary 2023-24
October, 2023.



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MINUTES: REGULAR WEEKLY MEETING HELD ON NOVEMBER 1ST, 2023. CONTD

Minutes of Meeting Held on 1st November, 2023 at Westwood Hotel, Awolowo Road Ikoyi and Via Zoom Platform.

The meeting was called to order at 1pm by president Abiodun Role.

Opening Prayer : PP Soboma Ajumogobia
Object of Rotary: Rtn Humphrey Oronsaye
4-Way Test: Rtn Tosin Olabintan

1.0. Welcome Address:

The president warmly welcomed everyone to the first meeting for the month of November, **the Rotary Foundation month**. He welcomed the **Koseleri DG, PDG Omotunde** Lawson who was present at the meeting.

2.0. Recap: - Rotaractor's Summit:

The club will be sponsoring two Rotaractors for the Africa Rotaractor's Summit scheduled for November 24th, 2023 and also support the district towards the summit.

Office Space:

The club has secured an office space at Western House, Broad Street and payment has been made.

3.0. Federal Society for the Blind Vocational Centre:

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The president announced that Past President Kehinde Ayo Kasumu donated two Laptops to the centre while Rotary Club of Lagos donated one Laptop. The presentation of the Laptops will be done on the 9th of November at their Oshodi centre.

4.0. Theme for the Month

Rotarian Elder U.K. Eke, Director of the Rotary foundation, thanked the president and members for their contribution thus far. He spoke very briefly on the history of Rotary foundation. How it was founded in 1917 by Arch-Klum whom AKS was named after with the sum of \$26.50cent.

It was pulled out of R.I and set up with its two board members. Rotary foundation basically supports and funds humanity in the 7 core focus areas. When one supports Rotary foundation, the Rotary foundation issues a certificate and decorates such persons with a pin which stays with them for life.

He highlighted the different levels of support and the names attached to each level. He cited an example of

the polio and the recent polio walk, where awareness is created yearly to kick polio out and remain at Zero.

How do we celebrate Rotary Foundations?

There are 3 levels to celebrating Rotary Foundation:

- 1) Organize programs to sensitize the community and encourage Rotarians to participate in the program.
- 2) Raise funds by encouraging members to support, through working with the district and R.I to attract district grant for our various projects and
- 3) Work with RI to attract funding for our various projects.

Concluding, he applauded the club, having demonstrated a sound understanding of the role the club can play. Last year, RCL became the highest donor in the district to R.I by raising about \$200,000. For this Rotary year, the citation goal is **\$210,000**. However, due to the current economic condition in the country, things have slowed down a bit.

However, Rotarians are givers and Rotarians will always give in times of adversity and in times of abundance, Rotarians will continue to give. As we speak, the club has raised **\$35,000** and will continue on that match, to hit **\$200,000**, he stated.

By the efforts of this club, District 9110 emerged the highest contributor to Rotary Foundation in the entire African continent last rotary year. The award was presented to the district at the rotary institute Lusaka, Zambia. He appealed to those who are yet to pay up for polio plus to please pay up. The club is planning to be an all Paul Harris Fellow Club, with the 128 members. Over 60 members are already PHF, 6 major donors, 2 Arch-Klum Society.

5.0. Appreciation Letters: - Rotarian Chioma Okigbo read out the appreciation letter sent by PP Seni Oduyoye to the members.

6.0. Welfare Visit to PAG Adeoye Tugbobo;- members of the club will be visiting PAG Adeoye Tugbobo on Friday 3rd November 2023, at 11am. Members who wish to join are all welcome.

7.0. Presentation by PDG Lawson

Past District Governor gave a brief address on a note of appreciation. She thanked the club for making the district shine amongst other districts. She appreciated PP Dare Adeyeri for the hard work he put in making her year a huge success at the district.

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She also thanked IPP Joseph Akhigbe, for leading the club to be the best. IPP Akhigbe was presented with a plaque and gift for his meritorious work put in to achieve the fete. She also presented a gift to the hope President Abiodun Role. Responding, IPP Joseph Akhigbe appreciated PDG Lawson for the honor and recognition. He also thanked all the members for their work put and cooperation and hoped that the Hope President is accorded same cooperation.

8.0. Paul Harris Fellow: -Director of Rotary Foundation, Rotarian Elder U.K Eke presented to PP Abiodun Osiyemi his certificate of PHF and decorated him with his pin.

9.0. Guest Rotarian from Lewisham and Peng. PP Lady Funmi Ademiluwa, appreciated the president for giving her the opportunity to speak. She spoke on her charity project which has brought her back to Nigeria. The event is scheduled to hold later in November.

10.0. Update on President's Dinner. Rotarian Abayomi Adeyeri gave a very brief update on the forthcoming presidents dinner scheduled to hold at Federal Palace Hotel. the tickets will be sold same price as last year's price N30,00.00 single, N50,000.00 double, platinum is still selling at N1m only. Members are encouraged to purchase their tickets and buy for their friends too. PP Abiodun Oshiyemi donated the sum of N 100,000.00 (paid) to the club.

11.0. Birthday Celebration: -

Rotarian Abayomi celebrated his birthday as members all stood to sing him the birthday song. Whilst Rotarian Jude Chiemeka celebrated his appointment as the executive director to Nigerian Exchange (NGX). Members were treated to luxury cake, wines and champagne by the duo.

12.0. Birthday / Promotion Celebration Donations

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Rtn Abiodun Osiyemi paid	120,000.00
Rtn Jude Chiemeka. Paid	100,000.00
Rtn Abayomi Adeyeri paid	120,000.00
N10,000 for each all Celebrants)	
P P Kehinde Ayo Kasumu paid	
100,000.00	
Rtn Ayo Ajayi paid	50,000.00
Rtn Onabanjo paid	50,000.00
Rtn U.K. Eke paid	50,000.00
Rtn Adetunji Lamidi paid	50,000.00
Rtn Tosin Olabimtan. Paid	50,000.00

Rtn Chioma Okigbo paid	50,000.00
Rtn Akingbade Lawson paid	50,000.00
Rtn Micheal Eyinna paid	50,000.00
RTn Wale Abidakun paid.	50,000.00
Rtn Victor Ikeji paid	100,000.00
President Role Abiodun paid	50,000.00
R t n G o k e O w o l a b i paid	20,000.00

Total Support. N1,060,000.00

13.0. S.A.A Rotarian Chioma Okigbo performed superlatively with the birthday/promotion donations above and her SAA duty.

Total cash - N11,000

Gate Takings

Cash – N 6,000.00

Pos - N 6,000.00

14. Members introduced their guests while visiting Rotarians introduced themselves.

15.0. Closing: - The curtain was drawn to a well attended vibrant room, at 2.15pm, with the toast to the visiting clubs and Rotary International; thereafter members rendered the National Anthem.

Attendance: 52

Signed

Rotarian Tosin Ajayi

Secretary 2023-24

November 2023



MINUTES: WEEKLY FELLOWSHIP MEETING HELD ON NOVEMBER 8TH, 2023. CONTD

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE ROTARY CLUB OF LAGOS HELD ON THE 8TH OF NOVEMBER, 2023 AT WESTWOOD HOTEL, AWOWLO ROAD, IKOYI AND VIA ZOOM PLATFORM.

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

I. Opening prayer: Past President Kola Bajomo

II. Object of rotary: Rotarian Goke Owolabi

III. 4 way test: Rotarian Adetunji Lamidi

2.0. Opening Remark.

President Abiodun Role welcomed everyone to the meeting, he specifically recognized all the elderly Rotarians present both physically and online and thanked them for sparing of their time to attend the meeting.

2.1. He announced the appointment of Rotarian Victor Ikeji as the

Chairman of his local government in Umuahia and congratulated him on the appointment.

2.2. District Conference:

Members who wish to attend the 2024 district conference were

encouraged to register immediately in order to enjoy the early bird benefits.

2.3. Laptop Presentation:

On Thursday 9th November, 2023, members of the club will be presenting 3 laptops to the Federal Society for the Blind Vocational Center, Oshodi. Two of the laptops were donated by past president

Kehinde Ayo-Kasumu and one was purchased by the club.

2.4. The annual campos square children's party will be coming up on the 10th of December, 2023. Members who wish to support this cause by putting smiles on the faces of the indigent children are most blessed to do so. They can reach out to the committee Vice Chair person.

2.5. Donations-

Rotarian Olusola Adenuga donated the sum of ₦500,000 to the club on Wednesday morning.

2.6. Marrakesh Donation FundsThe donation to the Marrakesh menara relief fund is ongoing. The amount donated so far is quite small when compared to the gravity of the disaster that occurred. He appealed to everyone to please donate some more and generously too, towards this funds.

The president appointed Rotarian Joy Ujuadughele to act as the Sergeant at Arms.

2.7. Rotary Int'l convention, Singapore:

Members who wish to attend the Singapore 2024 convention and are yet to book their accommodations might find it very difficult to secure one.

The district is working towards getting Visas for all Rotarians who have registered for the convention.

3.0. We Care:

Rotarian Dr. Sola Bob-Egbe was called upon to tell club members what she had been up to all this while. Addressing the club, Dr Bob-Egbe was very happy to be back to fellowship with everybody.

She went on a summer break to spend time with her family; 4 days later she lost her nearly beloved mum, may her soul rest in peace. Amen. A day after the funeral ceremony of her mother, she traveled to china for the Asian Paralympic, where she carried out assessment for the visually impaired athletes. She is back and will be jetting out again soon.

4.0. Rotarian Adetunji Lamidi led the club in singing rotary song.

5.0. RYLA Screening

The screening for the RYLA event will take place this weekend. The club is sponsoring 35 students and has made full payment to the district.

6.0 Presidents Dinner update:

Rotarian Abayomi Adeyeri appealed to members to get their invitation cards. There is a bar code on the card that will grant access to each individual. Members are encouraged to place adverts in the brochure for the president's dinner.

The platinum chairs are also still available at N250,000 per chair. PAG Hairat Balogun picked up the first presidents dinner card with serial number 001, with the sum of ₦100,000. The president matched hers by donating another ₦100,000.00 in addition.

7.0. Global grant committee:

Rotarian Ayo Ajayi appreciated the global grant team for the work they have put in so far. The club will apply for the global grant for the Iperu project. By the end of the week, the application should have been completed. The

team is seeking to constructing about 20 boreholes. He appealed to members who wish to donate towards the project to shore up the deposit to please meet with the director of service project and donate generously.

MINUTES: WEEKLY FELLOWSHIP MEETING HELD ON NOVEMBER 8TH, 2023. CONTD

9.0. S.A.A

Rotarian Joy Ujadughele the SAA for the day performed beautifully well.

SAAN13,000: POS : N22,000
Total N35,000

10.0. Closing

The president thanked everyone for attending the meeting. He gave a toast to RC Victoria Island and Rotary international: and members sang the national anthem which drew the meeting to a close at 2.00 pm.

11.0. Total Attendance 33

Visitors 4
Gate Takings
Cash N4,000. Pos N2,000. Transfer N1,500
Total N7,500

Rotarian Tosin Ajayi
Secretary, 2023-2024
November, 2023



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By giving to the Annual Fund, you make these life-changing projects possible so that together, we can keep Doing Good in the World.



PHOTO STORY

Presentation of Laptops to the Federal Nigeria Society for the Blind/Visually Impaired Centre, Oshodi, Lagos



PHOTO STORY

Weekly Meeting



FEATURE: The Rotary Foundation

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Since it was founded more than 100 years ago, the Foundation has spent more than \$4 billion on life-changing, sustainable projects. With your help, we can make lives better in your community and around the world.

Our mission

The Rotary Foundation helps Rotary members to advance world understanding, goodwill, and peace by improving health, providing quality education, improving the environment, and alleviating poverty.

What impact can one donation have?

- For as little as 60 cents, a child can be protected from polio.
- \$50 can provide clean water to help fight waterborne illness.
- \$500 can launch an antibullying campaign and create a safe environment for children

Financial structure

The Rotary Foundation is organized as a public charity operated exclusively for charitable purposes and governed by a Board of Trustees.

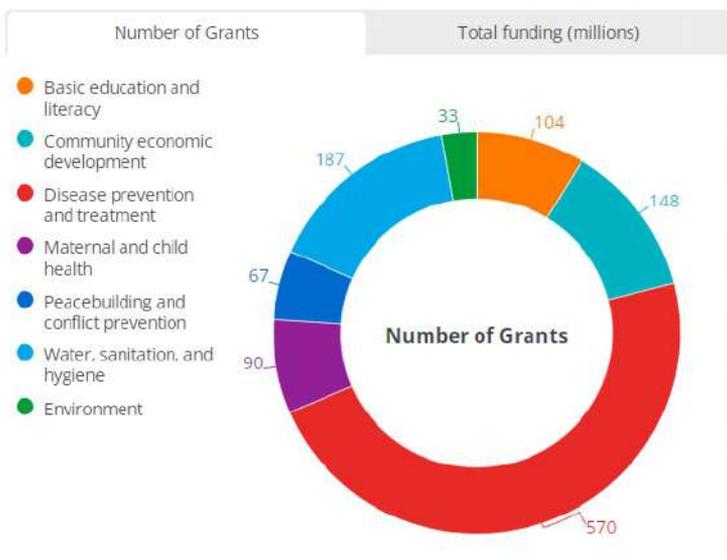
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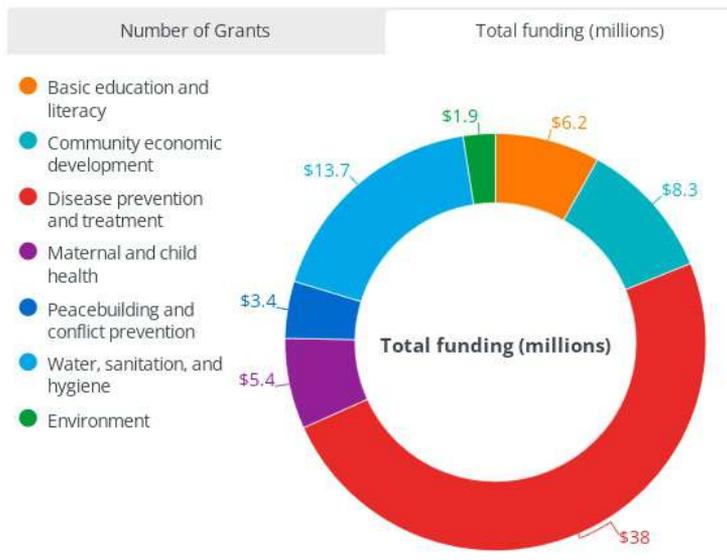
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2021-22 Global Grants by Areas of Focus



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91% of funds are spent on program awards and operations

2021-22 Grant Summary			
478	207	1,199	1
district grants	disaster response grants	global grants	programs of scale grants
\$27m	\$8m	\$73m	\$2m
program awards	program awards	program awards	program awards

FEATURE: Rotary projects around the globe November 2023

United States

After a 2021 tornado and subsequent electrical fire damaged the African American Museum in Bowling Green, Kentucky, a Rotary club in the city acquired a \$10,000 disaster relief grant from District 6710 to help restore the museum. But “we didn't just want to be handing out the check,” says Vickie Elrod, a past president of the Rotary Club of Bowling Green. “We wanted to get boots on the ground to get involved with the preservation of those artifacts.” About a dozen Rotarians attended workshops on archiving, and the club is assisting the museum in digitizing documents.

They include records on Shake Rag, a once-vibrant district settled by former slaves and soldiers who fought for the Union in the Civil War. The financial assistance enabled the museum to work with a conservator on preserving its uniforms and other clothes. The museum reopened in August, and Rotarians continue to assist with cleaning damaged artifacts, pictures, and equipment.

Jamaica

Advocates in Jamaica highlight a shortage of housing that meets the needs of people with limited mobility. The Rotary Club of Kingston funded a nearly \$23,000 refurbishment of Cheshire Village, a transitional housing facility associated with a rehabilitation center.

“Rotarians were instrumental and involved in the three town halls we had with residents,” says Karsten Johnson, the club's immediate past president. “Our plans were made based on their priorities.” The Kingston club, supported by donations from the Rotary Club of Naples North, Florida, raised the height of toilets and added support bars and railings along restroom walls.

The club installed new kitchen cupboards, sinks, and faucets to improve accessibility for people who use wheelchairs. A first phase, to install six solar streetlights, was completed in February, with the retrofit finished in June.

Portugal

The Rotary Club of Almancil International takes an active approach in its mission to serve children, notably those with autism spectrum disorders or Down syndrome. Members sponsor activities including surfing lessons and animal therapy.

In June the club unveiled a sensory room at a school to serve students ages 5 to 16. “The room is now complete, with state-of-the-art equipment including a soothing waterbed, music, and many sensory light and tactile objects,” says club member Peter Hinze, who coordinated the project. “[It] can provide a sense of calm and help improve [students'] visual and auditory skills and help regulate their behavior.” The project cost more than \$16,000.

The club provided about \$5,000, with businesses and friends donating the remainder.

Belgium

The Rotary Club of Virton en Gaume organized two days of concerts to celebrate the 10th anniversary of the Coralpins Gaumais, a trio that plays the traditional alphorn, a wooden horn once used by shepherds in the Alps. More than 140 alphornists, flag throwers, and bell ringers in folk costume participated in the event in May.

The event raised money for the club's charitable causes. The alphorn was the ideal instrument for harmoniously bringing together nature and the people who live in the region, says Jean-Marie Henin, a past club president. The club was inspired to put on the concert series after it organized visits by the Coralpins Gaumais to nursing homes and other care facilities during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Sri Lanka

While sea turtles can live to be more than 100 years old, as few as 1 in 10,000 survive to adulthood, according to some experts. Five of the world's seven sea turtle species visit Sri Lanka, but poaching for food and shells, along with disruption caused by recreation, imperils the creatures.

The Rotaract Club of CINEC at the Colombo International Nautical and Engineering College in Malabe organized a public webinar to raise awareness of the vulnerability of turtles, coral, and other sea life.

Then in April the club offered the marine reptiles a leg up with an overnight operation to move turtle eggs out of harm's way. More than two dozen Rotaractors met at Rekawa Beach near Tangalle to help transport about 350 eggs to a conservation center for safe hatching.

They worked by the light of cellophane-covered lamps to avoid disturbing the light-sensitive turtles. “We were shown by experts how to carefully dig around the nest to expose and collect the eggs,” project chair Monalee Dissanayake says.

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By Brad Webber

<https://www.rotary.org/en/rotary-projects-around-globe-november-2023>
pandemic.

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Our Dear Rotarian
OLUGBENGA ISMAIL

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AKINWALE ABIDAKUN

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Happy Birthday
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Happy Birthday
Our Dear Rotarian
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Happy Birthday
OUR DEAR PAST PRESIDENT
AYO BANJO

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- WOMEN IN ROTARY

Until 1989, the Constitution and Bylaws of Rotary International stated that Rotary club membership was for males only. In 1978 the Rotary Club of Duarte, California, invited three women to become members. The RI board withdrew the charter of that club for violation of the RI Constitution. The club brought suit against RI claiming a violation of a state civil rights law which prevents discrimination of any form in business establishments or public accommodations.

The appeals court and the California Supreme Court supported the Duarte position that Rotary could not remove the club's charter merely for inducting women into the club. The United States Supreme Court upheld the California court indicating that Rotary clubs do have a "business purpose" and are in some ways public-type organizations. This action in 1987 allowed women to become Rotarians in any jurisdiction having similar "public accommodation" statutes. The RI constitutional change was made at the 1989 Council on Legislation, with a vote to eliminate the "male only" provision for all of Rotary.

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