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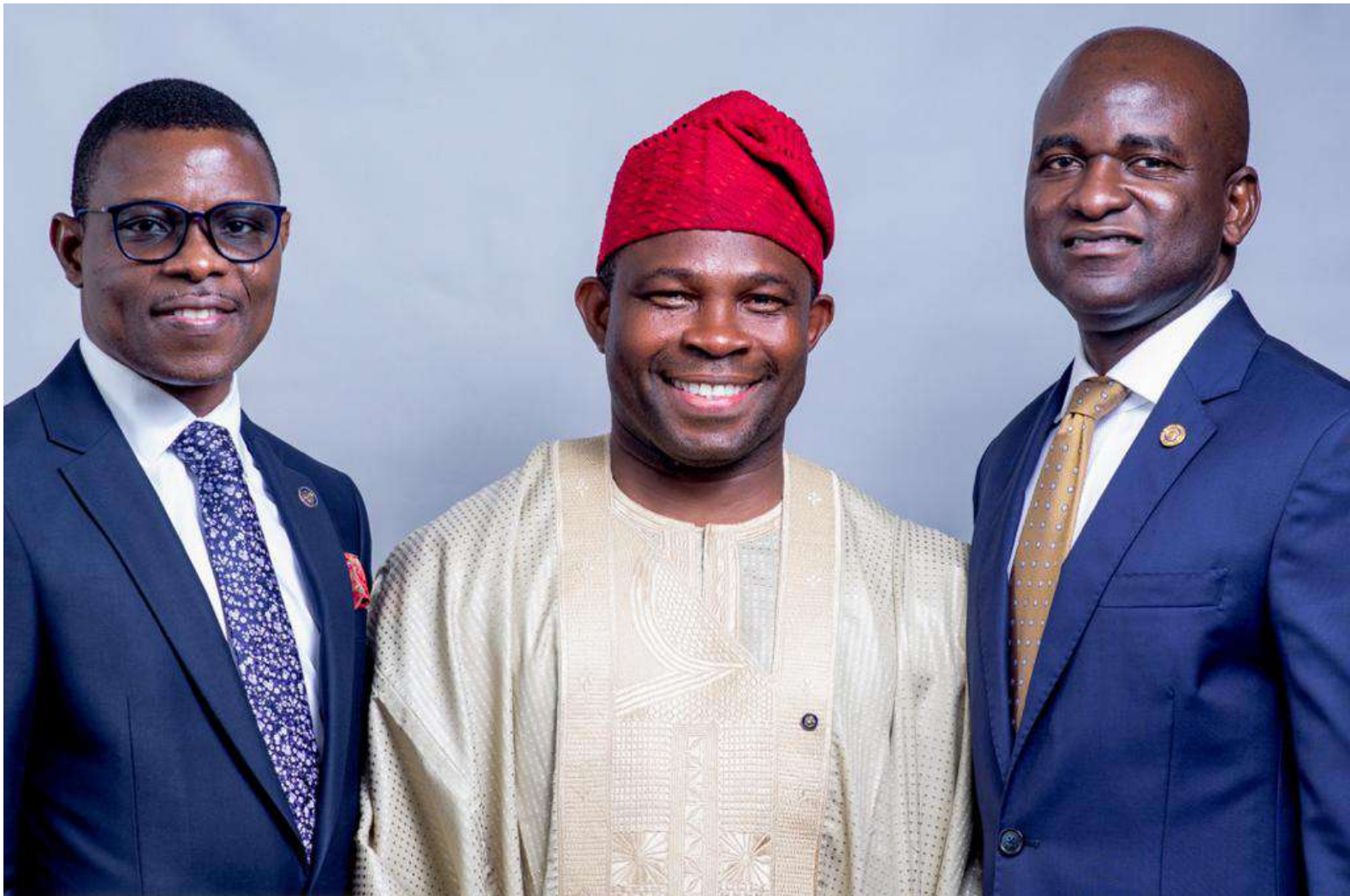
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Message from The President

ROTARIAN (MajGen) ABIODUN ROLE Rtd

Dear Distinguished Rotarians,

You are humbly welcome to the month of March which marks the ninth month in this Rotary Year. It is quite pleasing to note that the Club is making gradual but steady progress in its activities and projects.

This month's theme is Water, Sanitation and Hygiene (WASH) which is a core focus of Rotary International. It aims at ensuring clean water, sanitation, and hygiene programmes for communities in need to enhance better living.

Since the commencement of the Rotary Year, we've paid more attention to schools where the young and growing ones have remained our area of interest. In this regard, we embarked on water and hygiene project at Eko Akete Grammar School, Lagos where we carried out a complete renovation of the school's toilet facilities and minor reticulation of the water system that will benefit over 300 students.

The Club, in partnership with Ollas System Ltd, an IT company, also installed ceiling fans at Hope and Ireti Primary Schools at Ikoyi. This was a project that couldn't be passed owing to the glaring discomfort observed in the pupils because of the inconvenient learning conditions of their classrooms. In the coming weeks, the Club hopes to collaborate with Rotary Club of Ikoyi to embark on an environmental project at Obada Market, Obalende, Lagos.

During the period under review, the Club held a Training Retreat for members. It was quite an enlightening session that provided the opportunity for younger members to learn.

Our President Elect, Rotarian Adetunji Lamidi, participated in the President Elect Training Seminar (PETS) to prepare him for the tasks ahead in the next Rotary Year. His brief to members showed his preparedness to take off on a high note.

It is also important to mention that the document for the Club's **3 Year Strategy** has been circulated and it is hoped that members who have key roles to play in the implementation of its provisions would give it their all to ensure that our vision for the future is actualized.

We shall continue to express our gratitude to members who have fulfilled their financial obligations and those who have continued to display the unstoppable spirit of giving. You are the ones that have made our Club to be the envy of others. I also encourage members with outstanding dues, EREY and Polio Plus contributions to please do the needful.

I congratulate members who celebrated their birthdays this month and appreciate those who made generous donations in support of the celebrants. May the Lord's immense blessing abide with you always. Please accept the assurances of my highest esteem. Rotary is good.

ROTARIAN (MajGen) ABIODUN ROLE Rtd
FSS, MSS, DSS, GSS, fdc +

PRESIDENT 2023-2024
ROTARY CLUB OF LAGOS

Welcome Note

Dear Esteemed Members of the Rotary Club of Lagos,

The vibrant month of March was a time of continued progress and dedication to our core values of service and community impact.

As we navigated through this ninth month of our Rotary year, it's inspiring to witness the steady strides we've made in our endeavours. Our collective commitment to Rotary's mission shines brightly as we embark on initiatives that make a tangible difference in the lives of those we serve.

This month, our focus turned to the critical theme of Water, Sanitation, and Hygiene (WASH), aligning with Rotary International's core objectives. Through our dedication, we aim to ensure access to clean water, improved sanitation, and hygiene programs for communities in need, thereby enhancing their quality of life.

Reflecting on recent accomplishments, we take pride in the transformative projects undertaken by our club. The renovation of toilet facilities and minor reticulation of the water system at Eko Akete Grammar School speaks to our commitment to supporting education and basic infrastructure for our youth.

Additionally, our partnership with Ollas System Ltd to install ceiling fans at Hope and Ireti Primary Schools underscores our dedication to creating conducive learning environments for young minds to thrive.

I commend the active participation of members in our recent Training Retreat, which provided invaluable learning opportunities for all. Special recognition goes to Rotarian Adetunji Lamidi for his dedication to personal growth, as demonstrated through his participation in the President Elect Training Seminar (PETS).

Together, let us continue to uphold the principles of Rotary with passion and dedication, ensuring that our club remains a beacon of hope and positive change in our community. I extend my heartfelt appreciation to all members for their tireless support and generosity. Your contributions fuel our collective efforts and inspire us to reach greater heights of service and impact.

May the blessings of the Lord be upon each of you, guiding our endeavors as we strive to make a difference.



*Warm regards,
Ifeoma Williams
Director of Public Image*

ROTARY GUIDING PRINCIPLES

ROTARY Prayer

Inspire Rotarians Lord we ask
To live as we profess
To dignify our daily task
And serve in selflessness

For fellowship which here we share
We offer thanks to Thee
We pray that it will be our care
To spread it bounteously

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



THE FOUR-WAY TEST

Of the things we think, say or do:

- first** Is it the TRUTH ?
- second** Is it FAIR to all concerned ?
- third** Will it build GOODWILL and BETTER FRIENDSHIP?
- fourth** Will it be BENEFICIAL to all concerned

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 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.

Rotary Learning and Development

Embracing Rotary: A Midweek Tradition



As the sun sets over bustling Lagos, there's a familiar melody that echoes through the halls of our Rotary fellowship of the prestigious Rotary Club of Lagos: "Ding dong come and share with us, Our fellowship in Rotary."

For over a decade now, I've made it a point to attend our Wednesday lunch meetings, despite the notorious Lagos traffic. It's not always convenient, but the sense of community and purpose I find in Rotary makes every effort worthwhile.

I owe this connection to my dear friend and brother, Babawale Agbeyangi, who introduced me to Rotary over a decade ago. His invitation opened doors to a world of service, friendship, and meaningful impact.

As I reflect on my journey with Rotary, one thing rings true: Rotary is good. It's more than just a weekly gathering; it's a beacon of hope, a catalyst for positive change, and a source of lifelong friendships.

If you're seeking to make a difference in your community while forging lasting connections, I encourage you to explore Rotary. Find a club near you and experience the joy of service firsthand. Together, let's make our world a better place, one Rotary meeting at a time.

By Rotarian Ayo Ajayi

Rotary Learning and Development

Leveraging the Combination of Experience and Youthful Energy for Success in a Rotary Club

Introduction:* Rotary clubs serve as pillars of community service, bringing together individuals of diverse backgrounds and ages to effect positive change. This report examines how the combination of experience from elder members and the enthusiasm of younger members can drive success within a Rotary club.

1. Harnessing Wisdom and Experience:

Elder members often bring decades of experience in various professions, leadership roles, and community involvement. Their wisdom serves as a valuable resource for decision-making, problem-solving, and long-term planning within the club. Their deep understanding of community needs and historical perspectives can guide effective project implementation and sustainable development initiatives.

2. Fostering Innovation and Adaptability:

Younger members infuse Rotary clubs with fresh perspectives, innovative ideas, and technological know-how. Their enthusiasm and willingness to embrace change can drive innovation in project design, fundraising strategies, and outreach efforts by tapping into the energy of younger members, Rotary clubs can adapt to evolving community needs and stay relevant in an ever-changing world.

3. Facilitating Mentorship and Collaboration :

The intergenerational dynamic within Rotary clubs creates opportunities for mentorship and mutual learning. Elder members can mentor younger members, imparting invaluable skills, knowledge, and leadership qualities. Conversely, younger members can offer mentorship in areas such as technology, social media engagement, and youth outreach, bridging generational gaps and fostering collaboration.

4. Strengthening Community Engagement:

A diverse membership base comprising both experienced and youthful individuals enhances the club's ability to engage with the community. Elder members' established networks and credibility can facilitate partnerships with local organizations, businesses, and government agencies. Younger members' relatability to diverse demographics, including youth and millennials, can expand the club's reach and attract new volunteers and supporters.

5. Sustaining Long-Term Impact:

The synergy between experience and youthful energy cultivates a culture of sustainability within Rotary clubs. By leveraging the collective strengths of all members, clubs can plan for the long term, ensuring continued impact and relevance in the community. The transfer of knowledge and leadership from elder members to younger generations ensures the continuity of Rotary's mission and values.

In conclusion, the combination of experience from elder members and the vitality of younger members is a powerful catalyst for success within Rotary clubs. By harnessing the wisdom of age and the innovation of youth, clubs can drive meaningful change, foster inclusive communities, and leave a lasting legacy of service. Embracing this intergenerational synergy is key to the continued growth and impact of Rotary clubs worldwide.

*By : Adetunji Lamidi
President Elect*

COVER STORY

BROTHERHOOD IN SERVICE

As we welcome the vibrant month of March, the Rotary Club of Lagos is thrilled to present a cover story that resonates with the spirit of unity and collaborative excellence in Rotary. This story is about a friendship that has stood the test of time. This month, we turn the spotlight on three distinguished gentlemen, Adetunji Lamidi, Ayo Ajayi, and Wale Agbeyangi, whose paths have intertwined in a remarkable tale of brotherhood and service. Each of these individuals stands tall as pillars of professional success and exemplary service, yet together, they form an even more formidable force in the realm of community engagement and Rotary initiatives.

Adetunji Lamidi, a master in the arts of strategic leadership and financial inclusivity; Ayo Ajayi, a visionary in banking and consulting with a knack for innovation and excellence; and Wale Agbeyangi, an astute entrepreneur and investment banker, exemplify the power of friendship fused with a shared passion for service. Their unique stories, though diverse in their trajectories, converge on a common ground – the Rotary Club of Lagos, where their collective efforts and brotherly bond have significantly contributed to the club's thriving legacy.

In this feature, we delve into their individual journeys, highlighting the remarkable accomplishments and the enduring impact they have made both in their professional spheres and within the Rotary Club. Their narratives are not just tales of personal triumphs but are testaments to the profound influence of collaboration, mentorship, and mutual support in the pursuit of service above self.

Join us as we explore the depths of their friendship, the milestones of their Rotary involvement, and the inspiring synergy that emerges when service and brotherhood unite. This cover story is not only a celebration of individual achievements but also a powerful reminder of how shared values and collective action can amplify the impact of service, fostering a stronger, more vibrant community for all.

Adetunji Lamidi is a visionary leader in business and finance with over 25 years of experience. An alumnus of the University of Ibadan and the University of Leicester, UK, Lamidi's expertise spans commercial, telecoms, and banking operations.

Currently, he serves as the Vice President & Group Head of Financial Inclusion at FCMB Limited. Renowned for his skill in negotiation and sales, he has received accolades such as the CEO Silver Award for Sales Excellence and the Y'ELLO STAR AWARD for Customer Service. A dedicated Rotarian and member of the Sigma Club and IKOYI Club 1938, Lamidi's passion for socio-philanthropy is evident in his every endeavor.



Ayo Ajayi is a seasoned professional with a rich background in banking and management consulting, boasting over 25 years of experience. A graduate of the University of Ibadan and Aston Business School, UK, he has excelled in various roles, including spearheading the first eCommerce platform in Nigeria. His tenure at Zenith Bank and FCMB further highlights his proficiency in e-business and corporate banking. Currently a Partner at Trusted Edge Consult, Ayo is also involved in diverse enterprises across multiple sectors. His affiliations include being a Fellow of the Institute of Sales Management in the UK and a Paul Harris Fellow of Rotary International.

Wale Agbeyangi stands out as a dynamic entrepreneur and investment banker, currently leading Cordros Capital as the Group Managing Director. His tenure as the Past President of the Rotary Club of Lagos and the Chairman of the Strategy/Planning Committee reflects his deep commitment to service and strategic thinking. A Major Donor of the Rotary Foundation, Agbeyangi's contributions extend beyond his professional sphere, enriching the community and the Rotary Club with his vision and leadership.

Adetunji Lamidi

1. "Your journey with Rotary is marked by significant achievements. Could you share how your friendship with Ayo and Wale has influenced your service in Rotary and whether this collaboration was a planned endeavor?" –

Friendships within Rotary can greatly enhance collaboration and effectiveness in service Projects.

Working closely with friends like Ayo & Wale has created a supportive environment where ideas are freely exchanged, strengths are leveraged, and challenges are tackled together. We shared common values of empathy, integrity & friendship ... These activities been quite helpful in sustaining our Rotary It's pertinent to note that we created a WhatsApp platform tagged ROTARY TRIO to encourage ourselves and serves as reminder to our Rotary obligations.



2. " As the President Elect, in what ways do you believe your combined efforts in Rotary can inspire new memberships and encourage further funding for the club's initiatives?" –

Our bond of friendship which spanned close to 3 decades has proven to be a chord of unity among our friends. When I was Membership director for 2 Rotary years, we were able to mobilise close to 25 new members in each Rotary year.....



kudos to Rotarian Ayo Ajayi who was at the center of this mobilization. We shall continue to highlight the networking benefits of Rotary membership, such as access to a diverse network of professionals and community leaders. I have every cause to believe that we shall sustain this yet again during my Presidency.

Ayo Ajayi

"Having built a career on pioneering innovations, how has your friendship within the Rotary Club of Lagos with Adetunji and Wale contributed to sustaining your passion for service?"

1. "As someone who has significantly contributed to various sectors, what message would you like to share with potential Rotary members about the value of joining and investing in Rotary initiatives?"

I believe that joining and investing in Rotary is a profound opportunity to make a tangible difference in the world. Rotary Motors are "Service Above Self" and "One Profits Most Who Serves Best".

Rotary offers a unique platform where individuals can channel their expertise, resources, and passion towards meaningful projects that address pressing global challenges.

COVER STORY.....Continued



Rotary also affords one the opportunity to network and connect with like-minded individuals who share a common goal of service above self. Through Rotary, members have access to a vast network of professionals, leaders, and experts across diverse sectors, enabling collaboration and the exchange.

So, I will encourage the potential Rotary members to embrace the opportunity to be part of a global movement dedicated to making a difference. Their involvement and investment in Rotary can create ripple effects of positive change that extend far beyond our immediate environment.

Wale Agbeyangi

1. "Reflecting on your past presidency and ongoing role in the Rotary Club of Lagos, how has your bond with Adetunji and Ayo shaped your approach to leadership and service within the club?"

Rotary is service to humanity and leadership is a collective action. To serve rotary in leadership position is better be done through collaboration. I enjoyed this collective action of collaboration from Tunji and Ayo my dear friends of over 30 years as President of RC Lagos. Every decision taken was with their input and assistance. This made it easier for me to lead as President and in many other positions.

2. "What advice would you give to current and prospective Rotarians on leveraging friendships and professional networks to enhance the club's impact and attract new members and funding?"

I believe service to humanity through Rotary will be enhanced through partnerships if we leverage our personal, business and professional relationships to do more for humanity. That is what Rotary stands for. Rotarians and future members should take advantage of this for bigger impact on humanity.

MINUTES

Weekly Meetings



Business Meeting



Board Meeting

Minutes Of The Weekly Meeting Of The Rotary Club Of Lagos Held On Wednesday, 6th March 2024, Physical And Via The Zoom Virtual App

Minutes of the Business Meeting of Rotary Club of Lagos held on 6th March, 2024 at Westwood Hotel, Awolowo road Ikoyi and via Zoom Virtual platform.

Call to Order

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

- Rotary Prayer – Rtn. Jude Chiemeka
- Object of Rotary - Rtn. Francis Lawson
- 4-way Test - Rtn. Bob-Egbe Olusola

Opening Remark

President welcomes all members starting with the elders followed by the PAGS, Past Presidents and all members that joined online along with the guests. President welcomes all members to the month of march being the month of water sanitation and hygiene.

President informed members about the Rotary Retreat that will hold at the Nigerian Army Officers Mess President informed members of his request to the board members for approval as follows.

1. Provide another Micro Credit loan of N1,000,000:00 to the Sandgrouse Market Association. They fulfilled the payment of the previous loan right on time.
2. Draw the equivalent of N2,000,000:00 from the interest generated by the US Dollar investment made by the Club. The fund is required urgently for the completion of the Rotary Club of Lagos office, which is undergoing renovation in the Western House, Broad Street.

President informed members that the two request was approved by the board. President appreciates all members that have key into the international exchange visitation while he encourages all participant to fulfil all financial obligation promptly.

PP Dare Adeyeri was invited to give a brief on the retreat coming up at the officer's mess on the 16th of March 2024. PP Dare Adeyeri presented his

Key points of learning:

- Leadership in Rotary
- World of Rotary
- Approach in Rotary
- Rotary Foundation
- Rotary Membership
- Rotary Ethics and
- Service Project

President informed members that the retreat is for everyone especially members inducted in the last one year.

President elect Rotarian Tunji Lamidi was invited to lead the hymn he picked from page 29 of the hymn book.

Presentation of cheque to the Sandgrouse Market Association member. The cheque was presented by president elect.

S.A.A

Fund was raised for charity.

Closing

President Role call for the guest introduction and visiting Rotarians while he recognized members online.

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

Rotarian Kolawole Ogunbowale
Asst. Secretary, 2023-2024
March 2024.

Minutes Of The Weekly Meeting Of The Rotary Club Of Lagos Held On Wednesday, 13th March, 2024, Physical And Via The Zoom Virtual App

Minutes of the Business Meeting of Rotary Club of Lagos held on 13th March, 2024 at Westwood Hotel, Awolowo road Ikoyi and via Zoom Virtual platform.

Call to Order

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

- Rotary Prayer – PP Tony Egbe
- Object of Rotary - Rtn. Muyiwa Bamgbade
- 4-way Test - Rtn. Opeyemi Popoola

Opening Remark

President welcomes all members starting with the elders followed by the PAGS, Past Presidents and all members that joined online.

President gave a brief of the Ilara school adoption. He retreated that action has been very slow. President informed members that the brief of the club retreat was given at the last meeting. He said it's been long the club had this type of retreat, he further gave benefits attached to the retreat.

President informed members that we have invitation from Rotary Club of Karen but we had to reply that the invitation period falls within the Ramadan Period and the club have visit to another club in the same period. President encouraged members still having due outstanding to settle promptly. He further said that RCL is one of the clubs not having any outstanding with RI. It means the club as actually made payment for members that are yet to settle their dues.

President talked about the club platforms and how it should be used. He informed members that PP Dare Adeyeri has elevated the club with his contribution towards Rotary Foundation.

President invited Elder UK EKE to brief member on Rotary Foundation. Dr. Adanijo Monisola was invited to discuss on her classification. Prospective member Riona Ahmed was invited to inform members why she wants to join the club. Presentation of the peace award to Rotarian Abayomi Adeyeri.

S.A.A

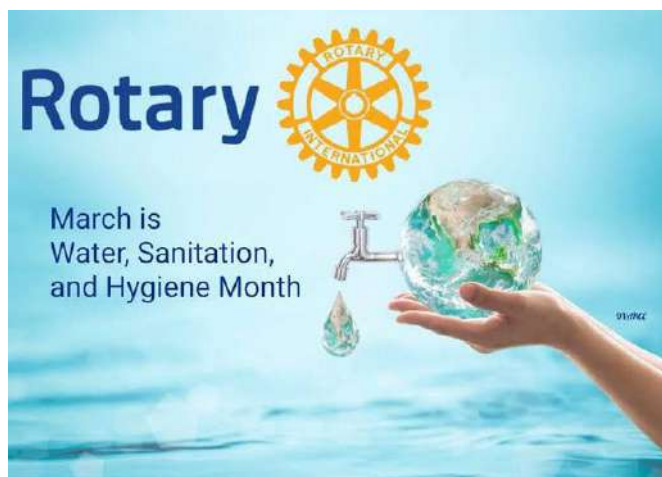
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Closing

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

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



Minutes Of The Business Meeting Of The Rotary Club Of Lagos Held On Wednesday, 27th January, 2024, Physical And Via The Zoom Virtual App

Minutes of the Business Meeting of Rotary Club of Lagos held on 27th March, 2024 at Westwood Hotel, Awolowo road Ikoyi and via Zoom Virtual platform.

Call to Order

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

- Rotary Prayer – PP Ayo Kasumu
- Object of Rotary - Rtn. Comfort Alli-Balogun
- 4-way Test - Rtn. Gabriel Osuagwu

Opening Remark

President welcomes all members starting with the elders followed by the PAGS, Past Presidents and all members that joined online. President also welcomes the birthday celebrants.

President expresses his dissatisfaction with some of the board members on their absence at the board meeting and non-delivery of report. President talked about annual dues, and he encourages all members to fulfil the financial obligation timely.

The secretary was invited to read the minutes of the last business meeting.

Corrections

- Motion for the adoption of minute was moved by and not
Minute was adopted by.....

Comment

- PAG Hairat Balogun raised concerns on the report not delivered by the public image director and project director.
- PP Kolawole Bajomo expressed his concerns in alignment with the president's dissatisfaction over non delivery of report while he encourages the president and his team of directors for more effective coordination.

Motion for the adoption of minute was moved by PP Kolawole Bajomo and seconded by Rotarian Comfort Alli Balogun.

Directors Report

- Rotary Foundation
- Treasurer Report
- Chairman Strategy
- Chairman Environment

ROTARY CLUB OF LAGOS DISTRICT (9110) THE ROTARY FOUNDATION (TRF) REPORT FOR MARCH 2024.

Month – on - month, there was a very significant growth in donations to TRF, raising the possibility of RCL exceeding the 2024 Rotary year Citation goal.

This is a sharp contrast from the concerns raised during the Board meeting of February 2024 although we maintained optimism in the February report.

Evidently, follow-ups and the concerns around further devaluation of the domestic currency triggered action by members.

It is hoped that the improvement in the exchange rate will elicit further donations in the final months of 2024 Rotary year. Below is a recap of the Citation goal aggregating to \$114,000.00

	EXPECTED INCOME	EXPECTED CONTRIBUTORS
POLIO PLUS	\$1,000	10 RCL members x \$100
PHF	\$10,000	10 members
EREY	\$1,000	10 members
PHS	\$2,000	2
MAJOR DONOR	\$15,000	3
DISTRICT GRANT	\$10,000	
GLOBAL GRANT	\$25,000	
ENDOWMENT	\$50,000	2
BEQUEST SOCIETY		1
BENEFACTORS		2

CURRENT POSITION

Cumulative donations up to
March 25, 2024 - \$96,349.59

February 26- \$39,383.14

From 19 donors

Including

(2) AKS,

(10) PHFs,

(1) Benefactor,

(10) EREY

(13) Polio and Polio Plus donations.

Effectively, some members donated across funds.

HIGHLIGHTS

1. With the induction of one Rotarian in March, only 15% of the 126 members have made contributions to TRF this Rotary year. Again, it is important that we retain our status as prime givers in D9110, both quantitatively and qualitatively.

2. We will sustain our engagements with members who made promises to support TRF and we are expecting the final months of the current year to be active.

Minutes Continued

3. In pursuit of our aspiration to be all-PHF Club, a Rotarian has accepted to gift PHF to 5 of our members. This is expected to be consummated in April, with induction done in May 2024.

4. We are still encouraging members to subscribe to Bequest Society membership as there are no immediate financial implications.

CONCLUSION

Given the status of our donation, an upward adjustment of our Citation goal to \$125,000.00 from \$114,000.00 is contemplated, subject to Board consideration and approval.

PRAYERS

1. That the Board accepts this paper for discussion.
2. That further awareness be created for donations to PHF, EREY, Polio and Polio Plus Society.
3. That the Board considers the upward review of our Citation goal to \$125,000.00 from \$114,000.00, the achievement of which will be rewarding to our reputation.

Rtn. Elder U.K. Eke MFR
Chairman TRF, RCL



ROTARY CLUB OF LAGOS DISTRICT (9110)

**THE COMMITTEE ON ENVIRONMENT REPORT FOR
MARCH 2024**

INTRODUCTION

The committee on the environment aims at contributing to our collective task of creating healthier and safer environments in communities around us, thereby contributing to environmental protection and maintenance.

With this goal in mind, the committee in the last few months have gone through a list of possible intervention projects to be done in communities in need. After careful consideration, Hope and Ireti Primary Schools both located at 4, Mekunwen Road, Ikoyi, Lagos State were visited and identified as beneficiary of intervention projects.

An overview of the health, safety and environment onsite assessment of the schools was carried out highlighting possible areas of intervention.

The committee finally decided on improving the learning condition of the pupils by procuring and installation of new fans, alongside the repairs of old faulty fans. This saw an improvement to learning conditions and better environmentally friendly classrooms for the pupils.

HIGHLIGHTS

Following several health and safety assessment done, the district environment committee carried out the following classroom improvement in both schools listed below:

1. PROCUREMENT AND INSTALLATION OF BRAND-NEW FANS:

The committee procured brand new fans and contracted an electrical engineer to couple and install them in the classes. The new fans also were branded for reference purposes.

2. REPAIR OF EXISTING FANS: Many of the classrooms' fans were damaged due to water leakage from the ceiling, high power surge and lack of regular maintenance checks. The committee has contracted an electrician who will repair the fans (replacing worn-out electrical parts, and reinstalling new ones) targeted at creating a safer, learning environment.

PROJECT EXECUTION

The project execution commenced on Friday 15th March 2024 with the procurement of brand new fans for the classrooms. The committee supervised the installation of the new fans completed on Saturday 23rd of March 2024 and confirmed efficiency.

The repairs (servicing and changing of worn-out parts) of existing fans are in place and will be completed by Saturday

HOPE PRIMARY SCHOOL

S/N	Item	Unit cost	Number of classes/fans	Total cost
1.	Ceiling fans	N37,500	9	N337,500
2.	Installation cost	N7,500	9	N67,500
3.	Printing on the fans	N6,000	9	N54,000

Total = N459,000

IRETI PRIMARY SCHOOL

S/N	Item	Unit cost	Number of classes/fans	Total cost
1.	Ceiling fans	N37,500	7	N262,500
2.	Installation cost	N7,500	7	N52,500
3.	Repair of existing fans	N/A	11	N93,000
4.	Printing on the fans	N6,000	7	N42,000

Total= N450,000

CONCLUSION

This project is part of the committee’s support to providing safer and healthier environments.

The entire project is near completion with the newly installed fans already in use, providing a more conducive classroom for the pupils of both schools, meeting the sole aim of the project.

PRAYERS

1. That the Board accepts this paper for discussion.
2. That more members be recruited into the committee to help in project identification, execution processes
3. That more attention be given to the Committee on Environment, in terms of donations and resource allocation to enable more project commitment and delivery.

Rotarian Olusola Adenuga
Chairperson, The Committee on Environment

PAG Babatunde Ezichi raised issues on membership. He said no report was delivered. He further talked about members registration with rotary internation after induction and the importance of obtaining membership number.

Secondly, he said that the new district will be setting up a committee that will be involved with the selection of district governor and it will be good the incoming president look into the it for the benefit of the club.

Lastly, he raised concerns about the performance of committee members with their respective chairpersons. He said that noninvolvement of members within the committee could result in Rotary Fatigue on the respective chairperson. To avoid this situation, he suggested that a working strategy need to be in place to ensure all committee members are fully involved within the committees.

President Role responded to the last point raised saying that it is expected that every chairperson selects people they can work with to achieve set targets and objectives.

Minutes Continued

The business meeting ended with a motion to adjourn the meeting raised by PP Ayo Banjo, seconded by PP Ayo Kasumu.

Presentation of Paul Harris Fello PIN to members

Birthday Celebration

The celebrants were celebrated with birthday songs and birthday wishes by PAG Babatunde Ezichi.

S.A.A

Fund was raised to celebrate the celebrants and contribution to charity.

Closing

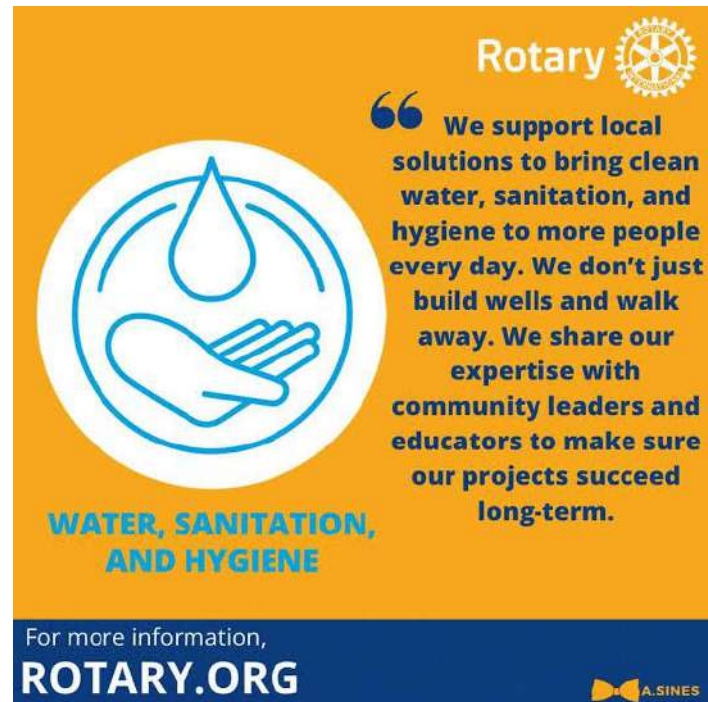
President Role call for the guest introduction and visiting Rotarians while he recognized members online.


The meeting ended at exactly 2:48pm with a toast to Rotary International, followed by the national anthem.

Rotarian Kolawole Ogunbowale


Asst. Secretary, 2023-2024

March 2024




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Weekly Meeting



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The Club Training Retreat



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Donation of Ceiling Fans to Hope and Irete Primary Schools by Ollas Systems Ltd, in Partnership with The Rotary Club of Lagos



CELEBRATING EXCELLENCE AT RCL

ROTARIAN JUDE ONYEKA CHIEMEK

AG CEO - NIGERIAN EXCHANGE LIMITED

Mr. Chiemeka is currently the Ag. CEO of Nigerian Exchange Limited (NGX). He has over twenty-nine (29) years of professional experience in Securities Trading, Asset Management, and Investment Banking across markets in Africa.

He joined The Nigerian Stock Exchange as Divisional Head of Trading Business in February 2019 and in 2021 He became the Divisional Head, Capital Markets. Prior to his current position, he was the Executive Director of Capital Markets at NGX.

Before joining the Exchange, he worked with United Capital Securities Limited, a subsidiary of United Capital Plc. As the MD/CEO of United Capital Securities Limited, he championed the first cross broader trading under the West African Capital Market Integration initiative and was also responsible for Strategy, Market penetration, Product development and Client Management.

He also championed the issuance and listing of the First Eurobonds Mutual Fund(\$10M) listed on the Nigerian Exchange Limited and

Wealth for Women Mutual Fund, the first gender focused mutual fund listed on the Exchange. Before joining United Capital Plc, He was the CEO/MD of Chapel Hill Denham Securities where he was responsible for Strategy, Leadership, Product development and Customer relationship management. 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 Capital Plc.

At RenCap Securities he was responsible for Customer relationship management, Trading, Management reports, Budgets, and clients' acquisition. In 2008, prior to joining RenCap, he was the Head of Securities Trading at Afrinvest West Africa Ltd where he was responsible for Fixed Income and Equities Transactions across African markets for International and domestic institutional clients. 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. Prior to this, he was with Dominion Trust Limited where he started his career in 1994.

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

He is an alumnus of the University of Oxford, UK, Lagos Business School, and University of Lagos.





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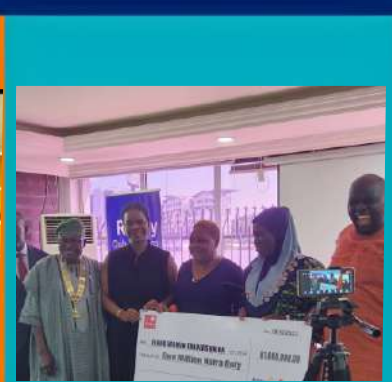
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CHILD HEALTH**



SEVEN AREAS OF FOCUS



**BASIC EDUCATION AND
LITERACY**



**COMMUNITY
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**CREATE HOPE
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Club News

Rotary Club of Lagos Marches Forward with Impactful Initiatives and Collaborations



In a dynamic display of service and community engagement, the Rotary Club of Lagos made significant strides throughout the month of March.

With a firm commitment to Rotary's principles of service above self, the club embarked on a series of impactful initiatives aimed at addressing critical societal needs and fostering positive change within our community.

Central to our endeavors was the dedicated focus on Water, Sanitation, and Hygiene (WASH) initiatives, aligning closely with Rotary International's global objectives.

Through strategic partnerships and collaborative efforts, the club worked tirelessly to ensure access to clean water, improved sanitation facilities, and hygiene education for underserved communities.

A highlight of the month was the successful completion of a comprehensive renovation project at Eko Akete Grammar School, Lagos. The club renovated the school toilet facilities and implemented upgrades to the water system, benefiting over 300 students and enhancing their learning environment.

Additionally, in partnership with Ollas System Ltd, the club installed ceiling fans at Hope and Ireti Primary Schools in Ikoyi, further demonstrating our commitment to supporting education and youth development. These improvements aim to create more conducive learning environments for young learners, ensuring they have the resources they need to succeed.

Furthermore, the club hosted a successful Training Retreat for members, providing valuable learning opportunities and fostering a culture of continuous growth and development.

Club meetings were delightful camaraderie as per usual and even more colourful with our many march birthday celebrations. We indeed “marched” on ahead; its onwards and upwards for our great community here at the RCL.

Signed By
Dr. Comfort Otegbeye
Director of Administration

Rotary International Developments

Did you know that Rotary International decided to update the monthly themes to reflect the areas of focus? Here is a chart of the old and new monthly themes during the Rotary Year (July – June). They give you more flexibility if you use this structure to develop your schedule of programs.

MONTH	OLD THEME	NEW THEME
July	Changeover Month	Transition Month
August	Membership & Extension	Membership & Extension
September	New Generations	Basic Education and Literacy
October	Vocational Service	Economic and Community Development
November	The Rotary Foundation	The Rotary Foundation
December	Family of Rotary	Disease Prevention and Treatment
January	Rotary Awareness	Vocational Service
February	World Understanding	Peace and Conflict Prevention/Resolution
March	Literacy	Water and Sanitation
April	The Rotarian Magazine	Maternal and Child Health
May	Education	Youth Service
June	Rotary Fellowships	Rotary Fellowships

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Professional and Personal Growth

Achieving Personal and Professional Growth



This involves a combination of self-awareness, continuous learning, setting goals, and taking consistent action. Here are some steps you can take:

Self-assessment:

Reflect on your strengths, weaknesses, values, and passions to understand yourself better.

Set goals:

Establish both short-term and long-term goals for personal and professional development. Make sure they are specific, measurable, achievable, relevant, and time-bound (SMART).

Continuous learning:

Commit to lifelong learning by reading books, taking courses, attending workshops, and seeking mentors to enhance your knowledge and skills.

Network: Build relationships with people in your field who can provide guidance, support, and opportunities for growth.

Adaptability: Embrace change and be open to new experiences, challenges, and feedback as they are opportunities for learning and growth.

Time management:

Prioritize tasks and manage your time effectively to balance personal and professional responsibilities.

Self-care:

Take care of your physical, mental, and emotional well-being to maintain the energy and motivation needed for growth.

Feedback:

Seek feedback from colleagues, mentors, and friends to identify areas for improvement and refine your skills.

Celebrate achievements:

Acknowledge and celebrate your progress and accomplishments along the way to stay motivated and focused on your goals.

Stay resilient:

Embrace setbacks and failures as learning opportunities, and maintain a positive attitude and resilience in the face of challenges.

By
Rotarian Adetunji Lamidi
President Elect.

Rotary Jokes



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"Sorry about your eye. Did you see where the ball went?"

After a morning fishing, a Rotarian left for a District meeting in the afternoon and his wife decided to motor out into the lake, drop anchor and read her book.

A Game Warden pulls up alongside the woman in his boat. "Good morning, Ma'am. What are you doing?" "Reading a book" she replies.

"You're in a Restricted Fishing Area" he informs her. "I'm sorry, officer, but I'm not fishing, I'm reading".

"Yes, but you have all the equipment. For all I know you could start at any moment. I'll have to take you in and write you up."

"If you do that, I'll have to charge you with Sexual assault" says the woman.

"But I haven't even touched you," says the game warden.

"That's true, but you have all the equipment. For all I know you could start at any moment."

"Have a nice day ma'am" the warden said, and he left.

Rotary Club of Lagos



Happy Birthday

BIRTHDAYS FOR THE MONTH

March Celebrants

Happy Birthday



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07 MAR



Happy Birthday
Our Dear Rotarian
ADEYINKA SEGUN

Your Experience, Leadership and Strength are what make you special

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10 MAR



Happy Birthday
Our Dear Rotarian
OLUSHOLA ADENUGA

The Style, The Glamour, The Beauty, all make you a remarkable lady

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ROTARIAN
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Happy Birthday
Our Dear Assistant Governor
EHI BRAIMAH

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Our Dear Past President
OLUFEMI SOWEMIMO

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