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**1.01.2 RIPPR Holger Knaack** confirms this with his personal experience and observation as the sitting RI New Generation Chair.

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### 1.02 MY YEAR AS DG:

I have never been interested to bear any Rotary leadership office other than actively involving in service projects that change the lives of the need, says DG Teshome. However, comparing it to his more than forty years of executive business experience, he found out serving as a Rotary district governor was one of the most challenging, energizing and fulfilling assignments.

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### 2.02 THE ROTARY CLUB OF AXUM ON THE RISE:

Its expecting members have been meeting for more than six months now discussing the principles and ideals of Rotary. The last meeting on , April 23 2016 was different for them in that the DG and country trainer for Ethiopia Esayas Yeyesuswork flew there to participate in their meeting and offer them training in the ABC of Rotary and club administration.

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## 3.00 DISTRICT NEWS

### 3.01 91ST DCA – A HILARIOUS EVENT

Between 14 and 16 of April, 2016, Addis Ababa experienced one of its glamorous events and fellowship hosting the 91st Rotary D9212 DCA. A record breaking attendance of more 814 Rotarians, Rotaractors and their family members converged here to discuss service above self, strategize to scale up their efforts to make this world a better place to live in. The participants declared the event a sheer success raising the bar not only in the number of attendees that marked the top in the history of D9212 since its establishment but also in its entire organization.

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**3.01.2 The RIPPR Acknowledges** it in his official statement .

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### 3.02 DCA RESOLUTIONS

**3.02.1 D9212 Appoints a Rep in the Nominating Committee to Elect an RI Director in 2017 from Zone 20A:** The Nominating Committee proposed two PDGs as representative and alternate to the nominating committee of the RI Director representing Zone 20A at the RI Convention in Atlanta in 2017.

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**3.02.2 THE DG FOR D9212 SELECTION FINALIZED:** The committee finally agreed to select PP Jeffery C. Bamford of the Rotary Club of Karen to be the governor for D9212 in 2018/19. This was after a necessary extension of its work by three weeks beyond the DCA since the selection could not be carried out during the event.

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### 4.02 THREE CLUBS WERE AWARDED FOR UNIQUE PROJECTS:

These are projects sustainably run by the clubs whereby the services provided to the beneficiaries actually graduated them to self sufficiency.

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### 4.03 INAUGURAL ROTARY QUIZ CHALLENGE AND TALENT SHOW:

An Inaugural Rotary Quiz Challenge and Talent Show was held on Saturday, 7th May 2016 at the Apollo Centre Auditorium, Nairobi aimed to start a new tradition of bringing Rotary Clubs and their affiliate Rotaract and Interact Clubs to share a platform as they build on their Rotary knowledge and also educate the general public on the work Rotary has been doing in the region since 1930.

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### 4.04 THE RC OF KILIMANI ALFAJIRI GIRLS EMPOWERMENT PROJECT – WHERE IT IS NOW:

The project has recorded several successes in its intended services. Surely, there are lots to learn and improve even by scaling up the little successes this project has achieved. Let us keep in touch with it and inspire its leaders to do so. After all, we are better together.

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## 5.00 INFORMATION FROM RI

### 5.01 POPE FRANCIS MEETS ROTARIANS:

9000 Rotarians from around the world including RI President Ravi K. Ravindran and other senior Rotary leaders congregated in Vatican City to listen to the head of the Roman Catholic Church.

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### 5.02 COUNCIL ON LEGISLATION MEETS

and introduces new thinking in the governance of our global philanthropic organization.

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## 6.00 NEWS FROM THE ROTARY FOUNDATION

### 6.01 END POLIO FOREVER!

With less than two polio endemic countries throughout the world where polio still is endemic, this devastating disease is indeed reaching its extinction from the face of the earth thanks to the resolute commitment of Rotary and Rotarians. Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation has been adding to Rotary's investment of US\$2.3billion so far to scale up the fight and get Polio out for ever.

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### 6.02 ROTARY FOUNDATION DONATES 88.8 MILLION BIRR TO SUPPORT POLIO ERADICATION INITIATIVES IN ETHIOPIA :

WHO received this sum from the Rotary Foundation and the symbolic ceremony was celebrated in Addis Ababa on 18th of May, 2016.

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### 6.03 UNESCO SCHOLARSHIP AVAILABLE:

The on-going cooperation between TRF and UNESCO to increase knowledge of water production and management has offered up to 10 scholarships for graduate study at UNESCO-IHE's Delft campus in the Netherlands. The deadline is June 10, 2016.

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### 7.01 28TH ROTARACT DISTRICT CONFERENCE AND ASSEMBLY:

This was ran parallel to the 91st DCA of the Rotarians but at the luxurious Oromia Cultural Center in Addis Ababa. About 200 Rotaractors from across the district participated in the three day event which included key note speeches, panel discussions, community service, fun and fellow ships.

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### 7.02 ROTARY YOUTH EXCHANGE OPENS THE DOOR TO SERVICE, LEADERSHIP, AND FUN:

Whether you're currently on exchange, are an alumnus, or are a Rotarian working with your club or district to engage former participants, there are a variety of opportunities to get involved.

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## 8.00 THE 91ST DCA IN PICTURES

From more than 1,000 shots of Rotarians, Rotaractors, their family members and guests, and about 3 Terra Bytes of video footage captured by the video and photographic team of the 91st DCA, the PR team has selected a few that are representative of the service inspiration, fun and fellowship in the three day event to appear in this issue of the DG's ENews Letter. More can be ordered from the Rotary Country Office for Ethiopia (helinawl@gmail.com).

[See more...](#)

## 9.00 THE 92 DCA LAUNCHED

The 92nd District Conference and Assembly will be hosted at the great lakeside city of Kisumu at the Tom Mboya Labor College from the 20th to 23rd, April 2017.

Registration rates kicked off at US\$150.00 per participant as early bird rate during the 91st DCA. Other rates and information can be obtained from the organizing committee.

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## 10.00 RI CONVENTION – SEOUL/SOUTH KOREA

### 10.01 WHAT YOU SHOULD KNOW BEFORE YOU GO:

The Host Organizing Committee, (HOC) of this year's RI Convention in Seoul, South Korea, has been compiling and disseminating a lot of critical information for the benefit of all kinds of visitors, even those who have experiences of attending RI Conventions in the past. Without any doubt, an RI Convention where thousands of Rotarians from across the world, their families and friends converge is an experience of a life time of which nothing should be missed.

It is therefore very important Rotarians and visitors read through all the guidelines, information, program elements and other details of the event to ensure maximizing the benefits of the opportunity. Section 10 of this issue of the DG's ENews Letter tries to provide a glimpse of the very critical items to know and be prepared with to this end.

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# 1 DG'S MESSAGE

## 1.1 MAY – YOUTH SERVICE MONTH

### OUR FUTURE IS IN THE HANDS OF OUR YOUTH

While Rotary values all our past and experiences immensely, it is all about the future. It builds on our successes in the past, learns from pitfalls and ensures never to make those mistakes again; in the future. In so doing, it aspires and works to make our world a better place to live in, in the years to come.



The years to come are the years of those who will then be the main actors – those we call “the Youth” today. Therefore, it is inherent in Rotary’s principles and practices that investing in the physical and mental growth of the youth today is tantamount to creating able and responsible citizens who can lead our future that we yearn to be better than what we have today. To this end, it is important that we plan and strategize to ensure priming our youth to be respectful of their communities, love their countries and have passion and commitment to be part of bringing about a better future than expecting it to happen otherwise. If the future is going to be better managed, improved and passed on to succeeding generations one after another improvised every time it is so handed over, we must ensure that such successive generations value their responsibilities and have the capacities to deliver improved and better managed societies to their successors.

The general understanding in this context is, it often takes a different perception of looking at challenges from those that created them. Thus it is very obvious that the youth need to be given the chance to look at the challenges that are ravaging our world not only to obtain their involvement then in the redress but also with a view to enabling them understand the predicaments of societies before they embark upon their full fledged leadership head on come their own time. The following extracts taken from the key note address of the RI New Generation Chair Holger Knaack on the 91st DCA, to which he was also the RIPPR, puts that in perspective.

### From RIPPR Holger Knaack

Two years ago, Ron Burton was RI President. Inspired by the power of youth, he had the idea that, instead of having presidential conferences, he would convene New Generations conferences. As New Generations Chair, I was responsible for the coordination of all the events. The idea was to bring young leaders and Rotarians together. We wanted to show the young generation that we needed to hear from them, and that we wanted to learn from them - instead of lecturing them and



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dismissing their inexperience.

The first conference was planned for - and with -Rotaractors in Chennai/India. During the planning phase, I asked my colleague Director Prabhakar: how many Rotaractors do you have in the Chennai area? He answered: 22 thousand. I said: you mean 22 hundred? - No, he said, 22 thousand. Can you believe? More than 20,000 Rotaractors in one city? - But that's India, totally different from other places in the Rotary World.

The highlight of this conference was a huge success attended by almost 10,000 Rotaractors; and I was deeply impressed by the projects that Indian Rotaractors lead.

We were visiting a couple of Rotaract Clubs accompanied by Ramkumar Raji, called Ram. He was the Rotaract district chairman and one of the leaders of the East Asia MDIO. Ram was 27 at that time and running his own business, a small but successful construction company. And this guy was able to inspire his people! All of us were surprised how good he was as a speaker. His experiences with Rotaract made him that. As a result, he was invited by President Ron to speak at the RI Convention in Sydney. His personality had been shaped by being a member of Rotaract. He always has the 4-way-test in his mind --- and he is running his company according to these principles.

The second conference was in Kampala, in your neighboring district. This one was mainly intended for Interactors, and about 3,000 showed up for the plenary sessions. On the day before the plenary, we had organized visit to a couple of service projects in the city. And there, Interactors, Rotaractors and Rotarians worked hand in hand - in a completely new way. It was a perfectly organized event - a small tent town with different projects, such as blood donations or breast cancer screening. Rotaractors provided training in proper hand-washing practice. It was a very successful project - and it is still running!

I must tell you, I had never seen an event like that: an event with so many projects in one place - where young people --“New Generations” -- and Rotarians were working together, on an eye-to-eye level, effectively and image-building. Congratulations to the organizers of this event, of whom Geeta Manek – is here with us today. This was the best New Generations event I ever saw in Rotary.

I also met Ronald Kawaddwa, the Youth service chair

of District 9211. Dear friends, it is not very often that I meet a young Rotarian who is so engaged for Rotary's New Generations. When Ron Burton saw how Ronald was able to inspire the Interactors, he also invited him to speak at the Sydney Convention. Today, Ronald is a member of the Rotary International Joint Alumni Committee, just like I am.

The third conference took place in Argentina, this time in a very different format. About 2,000 Rotaractors from all over South America came together for a big workshop in Rosario. They wanted to learn more about Rotary and about opportunities to collaborate with Rotarians. And they certainly wanted to discuss the future of Rotaract. We had discussions that lasted a whole day - and that were partly very emotional. There were 2,000 young people full of enthusiasm. What impressed me the most was the fact that these were groups of students who had spent 40 hours for a roundtrip by bus to participate in an event with the RI President, 40 hours on the road for an 8-hour event! I thought that was enough proof for an absolutely outstanding commitment to our Rotary ideal. Like Ronald and I, Veronica Suarez Gomez is now also a member of the RI joint alumni committee - and she is one of the leading young Rotarians today.

All the participants of all these events went home inspired and full of energy. And they still draw inspiration from the events to this day.

So, what do you think then about the fact that the New Generation events were so successful in these three areas --- while in the US and in England they had to be canceled?

Having seen the power and enthusiasm of all the organizers, be they DGs, PDGs, young Rotarians or youth leaders, I am sure that it is the commitment to Rotary's youth that makes the difference, - it's your commitment to our youth!

President Ravi asked me for member recommendations for all youth-related committees this year. In our Rotaract Committee, I was missing someone from Africa, and I was missing female representation. So I called my friend PDG Bimal and





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asked for his advice. He recommended a young lady from Addis Ababa: Rahel Getachew. President Ravi accepted the choice- and for this Rotary year, Rachel Getachew will be a member of the Rotaract/Interact Committee of Rotary International. Isn't that great?

In December, I attended youth committee meetings in Evanston for a whole week. In the Rotaract Committee meeting, I was sitting across from Rahel in the board room. Yes, you heard right: the Rotaractors were sitting in the board room, and Rahel was sitting exactly in the same place and same chair where Ravi Ravindran had been sitting before! Even if this is not important, it bears some significance. However, what is important is the fact that Rahel is a very good committee member, she is making constructive contributions, she takes part in the debates, and she is a gift to the committee and to Rotaract. Rahel, we are all proud of you — let's give Rahel a round of applause.

So, what are we learning from these examples?

First: Rotary is connecting people and bringing young leaders and Rotarians together.

We took opportunities to let young people know that we trust them, that we respect them, and that we want to welcome them into Rotary.

Second: Rotary is and can be interesting for the youth! Our programs are a perfect way to develop personal leadership skills. Events and projects can empower young people as planners, program developers, and service organizers, and we can identify young leaders and promote their talents. Young leaders thrive on responsibilities, and growing talents is one of our key

responsibilities.

I remember President Ravi's Cape Town Conference, where the clear message was that young entrepreneurs are the future of Africa - Quote: "We need to find a way to install a culture of entrepreneurial thinking among the youth of Africa."

My dear friends, Rotary is offering this! Through Interact, Rotaract and RYLA, we are indeed able to install a culture of young entrepreneurial thinking. The conferences are a perfect example of how we can engage young leaders! And I know that district 9212 in particular is leading the way in its partnership with its youth.

Through Rotary, young people can develop their skills as well as their ethical standards. Our 4-way-test is so unique! It is the perfect foundation for young entrepreneurial thinking.

Therefore I am encouraging all of you: Please continue to support the youth programs, create new Interact clubs, create new Rotaract clubs and organize more RYLA seminars.

Let me end with a quote from Past RI President Ron Burton: "Rotaract leaders are not leaders of tomorrow - they are the leaders of today."

In supporting your young leaders, all of you will be a gift to Africa. And all of you will be a gift to the world.



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## 1.2 MY YEAR AS DG

I did not have any ambition or the quest to lead D9212 as Governor at all. My passion and why I became a Rotarian is to continuously engage in creating and implementing service projects. On the other hand, I am not a quite person. I tend to be participatory and actively involved in what I believe is good to do. This behavior has involved me at the center of almost all group activities I have been part of. As such, I was one of the active and engaged Rotarians having been in almost all avenues and levels of Rotary leadership in my club and country. I have served as a Country Chair for two DGs and as a District Secretary. That entailed my being selected to membership in a number of DG selecting committees for nearly five years now. Some of the why's and how's that candidates expressed when we interviewed them; (even those who were not selected) were truly inspiring. I now consider that opportunity of sitting with other district leaders to interview such brilliant candidates for DG was the very influential experience which triggered the positive inclination to accept the role should a nomination come my way.

The time came when I was asked by my club to volunteer to be a nominee candidate. I accepted and I was indeed on the other side of the interview table in 2012/13. When I saw the other candidates who were proposed with me, I thought they would make better DGs than me and even desired to withdraw my candidacy. Anyhow, I finally was in and nominated

My year as DG actually began when it was time for me to evaluate the countries making up the District, consolidate what needs to be done and what my priorities should be in place. It was not too long before I realized D9212 would not have been here without the dynamism of Rotary in Kenya and the superb leadership Rotarians from Kenya provided. With about 64 clubs then, Kenya indeed commanded the heartbeat while the three other countries accounted for only a little more than 13% of the total Rotary presence in our District. It was clear for me that my immediate strategy had to focus on pushing efforts to strengthen extension and membership in Ethiopia and South Sudan while ensuring the demand driven natural growth in Kenya. For this to happen I had to consider serious strategies for creating a benchmark that provisional clubs had to meet before being chartered with a goal to guarantee the creation of active true service giving clubs. Thus, the task spanned from restructuring Rotary's institutions in each member country to setting out the low hanging fruits in service projects across the District. The overall process culminated to Vision 2020.

I must admit I have been extremely ambitious in the targets I set to achieve Vision 2020 in general and my own term in particular. Standing on such a lopsided baseline of negligible proportion that the three of the four countries making up the district have to start from, I did not and will not regret this ambitious work plan which will, anyhow, land us somewhere much better than where we started. This is particularly true for Ethiopia, a country of 90 million, which had only 9 clubs in April 2015 and is poised to double that number at the minimum in June 2016.

I knew the goals could not be achieved by a part-time kind of engagement and thus was faced with a question of finding full-time availability to plan and lead the efforts to kick start Vision 2020. After consultation with my core team and my very supportive family to be able to have six months to prepare as DGE, twelve months to deliver as DG, and another two years with partial kind of availability to scale up successes; I resigned on January 8, 2015, my very highly paid position as the Lead Director in a flagship private sector development project funded by a bilateral agreement.

I do not regret my decision as nothing can match up to the experience I gained in terms of leading highly qualified and top notch teams of volunteers across the District. No amount of investment in money can exceed the value of personal acquaintances and relationships I developed with many and the strength of friendship bond I established with Rotarians, their families and friends. The refinement in my leadership skill is unparalleled by my more than 35 years of experience running my own businesses that transacted in millions around the world. I have definitely become a visionary, a better team builder and leader, an impromptu solution provider, a courageous change driver, and more.

In action, I had my highs and lows as well. My high days were when I initiated new ideas and got so much enthusiastic response from Rotarians and communities, who picked up the ideas and put the motion on to adapt and scale them. It was indeed encouraging to see those innovations working and changing the lives of many who never thought they would see better days.





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## 1.2 MY YEAR AS DG

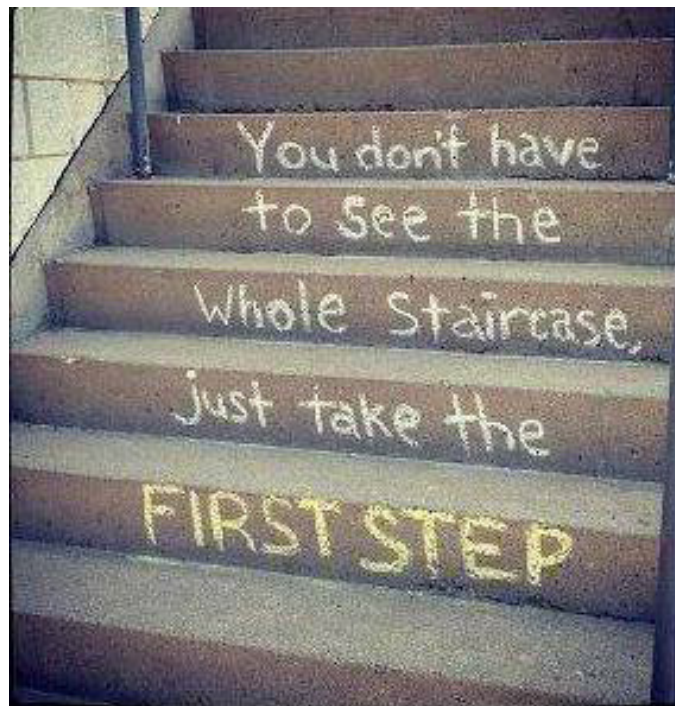
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Most of my lows came from people who have difficulties in accepting change and from those who think the best of everything was in the past with the times when they were at the top of it all. While this way of thinking is fine when the parties can be engaged, it discourages new drives or independent initiatives by creating confusions delaying adoptions.

Despite these, I enjoyed every minute of my term as DG for D9212. This gratification stems from the unflinching support I could get from each of my team members, mainly my AGs and CCs. All of them are extremely talented individuals enhanced by their commitment to serve as absolutely committed Rotarians. They were there for me any time I wanted them and every time and everywhere we have to be together to move forward. As a result, every second of my year as DG was a source of inspiration and revitalization. I could not believe I had so much strength and stamina to see time passing so swiftly without even feeling it was that long. It is astonishing to realize how it gets short when one is busy and likes the job. I felt every day was not really 24 hours but much lesser, perhaps 8 or 12 at the very best such that the 18 months I put at the full disposal of my term as

DG passed like six months. I never felt tired of doing what I wanted to do including traversing across unbearable terrains and climatic zones. Every morning, I woke up between 3:00 and 4:00, sat on my computer to answer my e-mails and social media interactions, read through projects that required my attention for guidance and/or approval, went through reports and provided my comments where necessary, planned my day, substantiated my interactive engagements, and so forth. When I set out for the day, I was as energized and vibrant as I was on the first day of my assuming the position and continued on and on throughout the eighteen months.

So went my year as DG – a fabulous year of learning, leading, teamwork and renaissance of serving more in Rotary - a year when we all continued to be a gift to the world.



# 2 CLUB NEWS

## 2.01.01. ANOTHER STAR ON THE ROTARY MAP, ROTARY CLUB OF GIDOLE

By Rotarian Hansemo Hamela  
Rotary Club of Addis Ababa East

Rotary Club of Gidole came to existence thanks to the Vision 2020 of District Governor Teshome Kebede, who aimed at increasing the number of Rotary clubs in D9212 to spread the reach of Rotary to benefit the communities we live in. Accordingly, prospective Rotarians were given detail briefing and training by DG Teshome and Past President of Rotary Club of Addis Ababa Bole Rotarian Yosef. Forty-two professionals and business people filled in an application form to join the world of Rotary. After a thorough assessment done by PP Yosef and Rotary club of Addis Ababa East, the sponsoring club 29 of us met the requirements to be the chartering members of the Rotary club of Gidole, located 555 k.m. south of Addis Ababa.

The Rotary club of Gidole meets every Friday at 6 p.m. at Gidole Municipality hall. Currently the club is designing projects on environment and dental health care.

## 2.02 THE MARCH CONTINUES – ROTARY CLUB OF AXUM IN THE MAKING

By Rtn Esayas Yeyesuswork,  
Rotary Club of Addis Ababa Bole



In fulfillment of Vision 2020, the brain child of DG Teshome Kebede, which aspires to expand Rotary across D9212 in general and Ethiopia in particular, we have been receiving news of new clubs in places where Rotary was never heard of. The recent addition of Rotary clubs of Dera and Gidole to the roster of Rotary clubs in Ethiopia is a classic example. As part of this effort, I have been privileged to help in the process of establishing yet another

club, this time in Axum, the globally renowned ancient city of Ethiopia found in the northern end of the country and often referred to as one of the cradles of Ethiopia's ancient civilization and might.

Axum has a population of about 60,000. The main activities of its residents, the Axumite, are tourism and service. They are also identified with their skills in handicrafts, folkloric garments and traditional clothes.

The idea of establishing a Rotary club came into light when the native of the town, who is now living in Canada, named Beyene Haile, tried to mobilize Rotary funded service projects to benefit his small root village called Debre Berhan on the outskirts of Axum. Beyene was then not a Rotarian himself but knew Canadian Rotarians who could help him achieve his passion to give back to his communities. He came to Axum several times with Rotarians from various clubs in Canada with different kinds of

support packages, generated by the club there, which included funds to rehabilitate the primary school in that outpost, community economic empowerment action plans, and so forth. The local administration and the villagers responded very positively by matching whatever Beyene and his Rotarian friends contributed to improve their lives through their services in kind and providing land for whatever initiatives they came up with that required land. The Rotarians quickly felt that they could do more long-

The Famous Axumite kingdom was established between 200 and 100 BC and was once one of the four kingdoms of the world. The capital of this great civilization, Axum, is the alleged resting place of the Ark of the Covenant and the home of the legendary Queen of Sheba who reigned in the region nearly three thousand years ago. The annals of Ethiopia's history which have detailed accounts of her historic journey to King Solomon's court in 980 BC, with 700 camels loaded with gold, ivory and other gifts, are well documented in the Old Testament. Her bathing pool and substantial remains of her palace can still be found in Axum. Its obelisks hewn out of single molders of granite stones and erected as high as 30 feet above in ways that cannot be explained so far have made Axum globally with UNESCO adding these and its archaeological sites to its list of World Heritage in 1980.





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lasting services to the villagers if they could structure a global grant in cooperation with a local club which did not exist there. That eventually led to establishing contact with the then DGN Teshome Kebede who had already identified Axum as a potential target to establish a vibrant Rotary Club. He joined one of the visiting Canadian Rotarians headed by PDG Mike McCullough of the RC of Trenton in Canada early in 2015 when the first meeting of potential Rotarians was organized and a two-hour long discussion on the ABC of Rotary was presented to the team by the DGN and the visiting Rotarians.

The Axumite have been meeting since then, changing membership several times until finally a robust team of 28 young and dynamic individuals working and living in the city continued to consistently meet on weekly basis not only discussing Rotary and its ideals of service but also initiating and implementing simple service projects.

Our task on April 23, 2016 was to train them in the basics of Rotary in general and Rotary club formation and administration in particular.



I consider it an opportunity and privilege to meet 21 young professionals who are so passionate about joining Rotary and serving their compatriots. The energy they exhibited during the training was enormous and made me proud of being a Rotarian. It also affirms the belief that that Rotary clubs will be effective when they are closer to the needy since they know the burning needs of their communities. The group meets the criteria for a provisional club status and I felt honored to be assigned by the DG to do the initial evaluation and assist in the process of its chartering.

Working with such a passionate, energetic, eager and ready to help group will be a huge privilege and

an opportunity. It will not be that long to welcome them to the ever widening circle of Rotary. Those of us, Rotarians, who are working closely with the DG in this particular endeavor, say one is in the bag and more to go. The march continues.



# 3 DISTRICT NEWS

## 3.1 THE 91ST DCA CLOSES AS A HILARIOUS EVENT

The much awaited district conference and assembly concluded in Addis Ababa on the 16th of April, 2016 at the new African Union Conference Center. It was attended by more than 880 Rotarians, their spouses and guests. The participants came from all over district 9212 with the following break down as reported by Rotarians Rajeev Kumar Sharma, the registration team chair:

Kenya	400
Ethiopia	198
South Sudan	18
Rotaractors	200
<b>Sub-total</b>	<b>816</b>
Guests	23
Service crew	25
Exhibitors	20
<b>Total</b>	<b>884</b>



Partial view of the 91st DCA





# 3 DISTRICT NEWS

## 3.1 THE 91ST DCA CLOSES AS A HILARIOUS EVENT

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In his welcoming remarks, the District Governor, Teshome Kebede, acknowledged the high turnout particularly by the Kenyan Rotarians which was demonstrated in their commitment to strengthen Rotary in the region. He encouraged the same kind of growth and extended outreach of service to the needy that the other three countries of the District are yet to emulate from Kenyan Rotarians.

The Past RI Treasurer and Director, Rtn. Holger Knaack and his wife Susanne graced the meeting with their presence sent by RI President Ravi Ravindran.. RIPPR Holger spoke on the core values of Rotary and shared his experiences in different Rotary services. He ascertained that Rotary is making a difference in the lives of many.



The Key Note speaker was Eyesus Work Zafu, a senior Rotarian and active member of the Rotary club of Addis Ababa West, who drew the audience's attention to the practical sides of corporate social responsibilities (CSR) and Rotary fulfilling that. *"As Rotarians, we can claim to have sown the first seeds of Corporate Social Responsibility when back in 1905, we adopted the ideal of service and the motto "Service above Self" as the object of Rotary. We can proudly claim to have been at the forefront of those advocating for ethical business when we branded those same precious values as "Rotary's 4-Way Test" back in 1942"* said Rtn Zafu.



This was followed by Joseph Ogutu, Director of the Strategy and Innovation Division at SAFARICOM Ltd Kenya, who spoke about CSR in the IT Industry. Mr Ogutu emphasised that technology companies have the responsibility of their community. He sighted major point that helped IT companies to keep their CSR such as global partnership.



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## 3.1 THE 91ST DCA CLOSES AS A HILARIOUS EVENT

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“Mending Young Hearts”, a speech by Dr. Belay Abegaz, Chairman Ethiopian Children’s Heart Fund was next on the agenda. Dr. Belay Abegaz, who transformed communities with his initiatives of children’s heart fund and the paths gone to implement the project, was a source of inspiration and emulation by the audience. He left the audience with challenging question. “Is it possible?” Then he answered it by saying. it is difficult but if we are honest, committed, and determined and join hands with the international community yes it is possible, yes we can mend broken hearts.

Mr. Dickson started his speech by stressing on the importance of participation of women in the development of Africa. He added “If we want men to change the continent, we need to empower women and we need to participate in the process”

He talked about a program in Kenya table banking which empowers. Table banking addresses the socio- economic problems women face in their community. The program focusses on common problems and creates common wealth.



The second day of the 91st District Conference and Assembly started with a presentation of the theme, district plan and strategies for the next Rotary year. DGE Richard Omwela presented the RI Theme for 2016-17 and his goal.

The DG’s handover of the buck took place at the Gala Dinner of the last day.

Three event venues were selected for the various functions of fun and fellowship which also served as opportunities for Rotarians to forge lasting friendship in service. The DG’s welcoming reception was hosted at the Bole Gardens on the first day of the event. The Cultural Night took place at the Shalla Amusement Park which saw unprecedented demonstration of the district’s rich and colorful cultural diversities with Rotarians dressed in their various traditional attires and showing of the customs and musical practices of the communities they represent when the entire compound vibrated with musical tones and functions that even the most senior guest of honor PRID and Rotary International President Personal Representative (RIPPR) Holger Knaack and his wife Susanne could not avoid taking full part in.

The closing Gala Dinner took place in the outskirts of Addis Ababa at the posh function hall called the Medhin Wedding Palace decorated with banners, insignia and Rotary paraphernalia specially prepared and put in place for the event.





# 3 DISTRICT NEWS

## 3.2 HEAR IT FROM THE HORSE'S MOUTH



PDG Yusuf Kodwaywala

Dear DG Teshome,

I am writing to congratulate you and through you, Chairman Yemane Bisrat and the Conference Organising Committee for staging such a splendid DCA for Rotary District 9212. Having attended more such conferences than Marie & I can remember, we rank this as one of the very best. The venue was unique, the programme included excellent contents and speakers, the food served was delicious and the entertainment lively and vibrant. The Committee also made excellent arrangements for Rotary leadership from the District and outside.

On a personal note, we were looked after like Royalty and are very grateful to all who played a part in making us feel at home, especially Michael Seyoum for personally looking after our transport. Please accept our congratulations and thanks. Kindly convey the same to Chairman Yemane and all the members of his brilliant, dedicated team.

We look forward to seeing you in Nairobi soon.

PDG Yusuf



PDG Mohamed Abdula

Dear DG Teshome,

First of all congratulations for the most successful conference we all just experienced in Addis Ababa. The selection of speakers and their presentations were most inspiring. Thank you for making our trip to DCA most memorable.

.....Please convey my sincere appreciation for the excellent work done by the Conference Chair, Rtn Yamane and his hard working committee. Molly and I were very much touched by personal attention of Rtn. Michael Seyoum who was with us most of the time. He went beyond the call of his duty! PDG Yusuf and Marie were most appreciative for his assistance.

Mohamed Abdula



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## 3.2 HEAR IT FROM THE HORSE'S MOUTH

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PDG Geeta Manek

Dear DCA Chairman Yemane

Congratulations on the recently concluded successful District Conference and Assembly.

I must say that you and all your team's hard work and planning resulted in a superb conference. The hard work was clearly evident with all the details which I never fail to notice.

The venue, the delicious food, the music with great and varied entertainment and venues was really well planned and thought out.

The program and the content with the inspiring speakers was certainly second to none as we all walked away very motivated from this, so that as we return home we can do more good in the world. I was most impressed with the "mending hearts" initiative and all your personal involvements .

Once again my sincere and heartfelt appreciations to you and your team with all the wonderful and most helpful Sargent-at-Arms, especially Abeselom, whom I interacted with on several occasions and he was extremely helpful. Please thank Bob Ransom and his team on my behalf for they all did a splendid job.

With warm regards,

Geeta Manek





# 3 DISTRICT NEWS

## 3.3 THE DCA RESOLUTIONS

### 3.03.01 D9212 NOMINATES A PDG TO REPRESENT IT ON ZONE 20A NOMINATING COMMITTEE TO ELECT RI DIRECTOR IN SEP 2016

There are more than 1.2 million Rotarians globally and around 35,000 Rotary Clubs. Rotary Clubs belong to districts. There are about 540 Rotary Districts in the world.

Districts belong to zones. All Rotary Districts in Africa are in Zone 20A. There are 13 Districts in Africa with around 1,000 Rotary Clubs and membership of approx. 26,000. Our Rotary District 9212 is in Zone 20A. Our Zone has to elect a Rotary International (RI) Director for a two-year term.

For that purpose, a Nominating Committee to elect the director has to be in place for which

each district in Zone 20A has to nominate one person to be a member of the Nominating Committee.

Accordingly, the DG had invited all Clubs in our District where 14 PDGs are current members inviting them to submit one name of a qualified PDG who is willing to serve on the Nominating Committee.

We received nominations that meet the deadline and RI guidelines from the clubs which were presented to the voting delegates of the 91st DCA. The voting delegates reviewed the nominations and agreed that PDG Harry Mugo of the RC of Nairobi North shall represent D9212 on the Nominating Committee and the second PDG nominated, PDG Eric Kimani of the RC of Muthaiga North shall be the alternate.



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### 3.03.02 THE 91ST DCA RESOLVES THE EVENT A SUCCESS:

This was expressed in an acclamation of the entire participants attending the closing session

when the resolution was presented by PDG Mohamed Abdulla. The full content of the resolutions follows:

#### **91st DISTRICT CONFERENCE & ASSEMBLY (DCA) D 9212 ADDIS ABABA**

By PDG Mohamed Abdulla)

The Rotary District 9212 91st DCA organizing committee would like to thank all those who have assisted in making this a successful and most memorable conference. Never in the history of Rotary in Ethiopia since 1955, when Rotary started with the first Rotary Club in Addis Ababa, have so many attended a DCA in the country.

On behalf of the organising committee I would like to propose following RESOLUTIONS for adoption by acclamation at the end of this report.

We thank the management of this wonderful venue, the African Union Conference Center – one of the best in the continent. We would not have seen this place if it had not been for this Conference.

We thank Rotary International President Ravi Ravindran for appointing and sending his personal representative, Past RI Treasurer and Director, Rtn. HOLGER KNAACK and his charming wife Rtn. ANN SUSANNE. We appreciate and thank you for reminding us the core values of Rotary – Service, Fellowship, Diversity, Integrity and Leadership - and inspiring us with your unique way of explaining these values that, with our dedication and devotion, we can make differences in the lives of others.

We thank our District Governor, TESHOME KEBEDE for his guidance and enthusiasm throughout this Rotary year. He has ignited in all of us while visiting our clubs the spark to serve and “Be a Gift to the World.” He has been a friend and a leader shaping our Rotary District – particularly in Ethiopia where Rotary is growing and now has 17 Clubs, an increase of 8 Clubs from last year

We thank Rtn, EYESUSWORK ZAFU for his very erudite and scholarly address on Corporate Social Responsibility – tracing the very roots of CSR to the birth of Rotary in 1905 and its motto – Service above Self. He set the tone of the conference saying Rotary is the very embodiment of CSR from all fronts - economic, social and environmental.

We thank Mr. Joseph Ogutu of the SAFARICOM Foundation who addressed us giving his practical perspective of the same CSR theme having contributed nearly \$40 million on various projects. He informed us about the first project with Rotary in Kenya – Kajiado Water project. The SAFARICOM Foundation was looking forward to working on more Rotary projects in Kenya.

We thank Dr Belay Abegaz for his extraordinary and moving personal story on “Mending Young Hearts” giving us the most interesting and graphic account of the impact he and his family has made



PDG Mohamed Reading out the DCA Resolution





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in Ethiopia for quadruplets pregnancies. He truly inspired us. We felt proud of his achievements.

We thank Rotary Regional Foundation Chair (RRFC), all the way from Nigeria, RTN. YINKA BABALOLA for gracing our conference as he have been doing in the past and inspiring us with his passion about The Rotary Foundation and urging us to do more individually and as Rotary Clubs.

We thank Rtns Sheila Hurst and her team from the US for making an excellent presentation on Kenya Smiles. Operations Smile has made tremendous impact on the dental hygiene of young children in Kenya.

We thank all the session chairs, concurrent and breakout session facilitators for their practical contributions.

We thank all Sergeants-at-arm under the leadership of Rtn. BOB RANSON for their effective handling of the sessions and their helpful guidance to all the delegates during the conference.

The success of a conference of this magnitude could only be possible with such generous sponsors. We thank all the business organizations who have assisted us by contributing in cash and in kind to put together the various requirements for organizing this event.

We also thank the sponsors who advertised in the Conference Souvenir Magazine which you received in your conference bags.

TO ALL the delegates from the District and from outside the district including delegates from Germany and USA; we thank you profusely.

We registered 548 delegates: 350 from Kenya, 170 from Ethiopia and 28 from South Sudan There were also 220 Rotaractors at their Conference. The final total stands at 768.

To our Past District Governors, we thank you for your guidance, support and encouragement.

Your acclamation in acceptance of this report will now be in order and appreciated

And this concludes the formal report

Thank you

RESOLUTION ADOPTED

### 3.03.03 The DG 2018/19 Nomination Finalized:

The Nominating Committee of the DG for 2018/19 term had to postpone its selection as one of the two proposed Rotarians for the position in compliance with the RI Manual of Procedures and the D9212 guidelines had withdrawn on the last hours of the sitting of the committee for circumstances said to be beyond his control. The Chairperson of the committee, DG Teshome Kebede, reported to the conference of this decision of refloating the invitation for nomination with a new dead line set by the committee and due in three weeks after the DCA.

This decision of the committee raised a heated debate among PDGs which polarized themselves in to groups. One side supported the invitation to re-nomination and the other called it irregular to

both the RI Manual of Procedures and the D9212 Nomination Guidelines and insisted the remaining proposed candidate be selected as the DGN. After rather a volatile wrangling and debate between the two parties, the issue was presented for the decision of the conference which endorsed the extension and re-nomination by acclamation.

Accordingly the sitting district governor announced the re-invitation to all clubs across the district by e-mail which was circulated on the 18th of May, 2016. In the run up to the deadline as such, the Rotary Club of Muthaiga promoting the idea that opposed the re-invitation filed its official appeal to the district governor in its letter dated 19th of April, 2016, which was copied to various senior RI officers



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and Zone 20A Coordinator, Geeta Manek. The club continued pushing for its stance by presenting it to the meeting of Kenya Central Club Presidents that was held on 8th May, 2016, in which 10 out of 28 members were present and eight signed a further note of plea to the DG to disregard the committee's decision. More motion was solicited by the group in the social media including calling upon clubs to withdraw their nominations and/or boycott it in addition to lobbying to support the election of one of the nominees though this was none of that nominee's making. On the other hand, two new nominations were received in which one came in full compliance with the guidelines and the other later than the due date set which was disqualified.

The committee convened its meeting in Nairobi at the Zehneria Hotel on May 9, 2016, as agreed. Ten of the twelve members attended the full session of the team. The two qualified candidates were invited to sit for an interview and both presented themselves. Same questions were presented to them by three of the most senior PDG committee members while the others participated in the evaluation.

The committee finally agreed PP Jeffery C. Bamford of the Rotary Club of Karen offered the best option to be the District Governor for D9212 for the term 2018/19 and requested the District Governor to announce this to the district and RI with immediate effect.

### 3.03.04 Extracts from the RIPPR's Closing Remarks:

First of all, let me say that it is a great honor to be here in Addis Ababa with all of you. I am delighted to be here, among so many friends. It is my first time here in Addis Ababa, and my first time in Ethiopia. After we met so many of you already in Uganda and in Jerusalem we feel being among real old friends.

I am thankful to President Ravi that he chose me and Susanne to represent him and Vanathy in this great country, and in this beautiful city. The venue here is awesome, unbelievable.

I would like to thank District Governor Teshome and his lovely wife Almaz for their warm welcome and hospitality. And I thank my aides Tedla and Senait, Teshome who are taking such good care of us.

Let me start with the message of our President.

About 15 months ago, Governor Teshome and I were sitting in the Grand Ballroom of the Grand Hyatt Hotel in San Diego, together with 537 Governors elect and their spouses, when President Ravi rolled out his theme for the Rotarian year 2015/2016: Be a gift to the world. He explained: "Every one of us has something to give - whoever we are, whatever our place in life is. We can give our talent, our knowledge, our abilities, and our effort; we can give our dedication and our devotion. Through Rotary we can take these gifts and make a genuine difference in the lives of others and in our world."

Rotary started the global polio eradication initiative more than 30 year ago. Today, we are working very close together with famous global organizations, like WHO, UNICEF, CDC and the Bill and Melinda Gates

Foundation. The success of this endeavor so far has many indicators. There has not been ONE polio case in Africa for almost two years now. Nobody expected Nigeria could catch up with the global movement due to all the political problems and the terrorist insurgencies there. However, thanks to the action initiatives of Rotarians and other concerned partners, Nigeria has matched the rest of Africa and, there too, not a single incidence has been observed for more than twelve months now. We believed polio could be eradicated, and we achieved exactly that. Surely, a polio-free Africa wouldn't have been possible without African Rotarians. You are the key for this success. And that is not just important for your own children alone but also for all the children of the world. I have to say thank you; Rotary has to say thank you --- and the whole world has to say: Thank you, African Rotarians, for what you have done.

A few weeks ago, there was a big ministerial immunization conference, right here in this wonderful African Union Building, the first one in Africa. That shows the importance of this issue in this part of the world. To quote WHO Director Dr. Alwin: "Vaccinating children is a great investment in socio-economic development in Africa --- and the world as a whole." All of you know about the eradication of polio --- and that "We are this close". The job is nearly done in Pakistan and Afghanistan. HOWEVER, if there is just ONE single case of polio somewhere, if just ONE infection is recorded --- the job is not done. ...and unless the job isn't done, we HAVE to continue to vaccinate children. We have to CONTINUE with our first and foremost service priority "END POLIO NOW".





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Being a Rotarian means much more than just providing service. Think about our five core values, the values that make our Rotary organization so unique and successful over the decades. Even if Rotary is changing over the years, these values are still the same: Friendship, Service, Integrity, Diversity and Leadership.

As I traveled through so many different countries on all continents over the last three years, I found many differences in how people are living Rotary. Yes, for all of them our values are implicit, but they live the values with different emphases. In my home country, Germany, we are seeing Rotary as a community of values, and our focus is on friendship and integrity. From this we generate strength for our service. Friendship in our Rotary Clubs is the guarantee for strong clubs with a high retention rate. This is different in North America where the emphasis is put on service. And that is ok. The beauty of Rotary is the diversity of our different cultures. We all have the same values but we interpret them with a different focus.

One thing that unites us like nothing else, though, is the 4-way-test. This is our common credo, the Litmus test for all the things we think, say and do.

I must tell you, I was totally impressed while visiting a Rotary Club in your neighbor country Uganda. At the beginning of their meetings, they sing our 4-way-test. It was the first time I heard something like that ... Great ... Are you doing the same here in the audience? This is great, I congratulate you --- I am always learning great things here in Africa.

Even if all of us are guided by the 4-way-test, working and living by it on the basis of the same core values, I still very often hear Rotarians ask about the true nature of Rotary:

What is Rotary??

There are many, many different discussions and ideas in the Rotary world on this same subject the answers being influenced by the many different ways Rotarians live Rotary. As such there is NO one answer that fits all.

When Past RI President Bill Boyed reported about Rotary's new branding initiative some three years back for the board of directors to decide, some people loved it --- and some didn't because of this divergence in the way each lived Rotary. But now, four years later, I am sure nearly everybody loves our new logo

the main focus of which is simply the word ROTARY.

What most of our Rotarians didn't recognize was the fact, that the new logo meant just about 20% of the change, the major issues were our new voice and our new visual guidelines. We wanted to explain



in very simple terms that we were and how we lived our values.

Three core ideas provide the clarity and focus to help every Rotary member answer the question "What is Rotary?"

1. Rotary brings together leaders from all continents, cultures, and occupations.
2. We exchange ideas, bringing our expertise and diverse perspectives together, to help solve some of the world's toughest problems.
3. We take action to bring lasting change to our communities around the world.

You can find these three-way split everywhere on



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the RI website: Join leaders - Exchange ideas - Take action.

What does that mean?

**Join leaders:** We connect with thought leaders from all continents, cultures, and occupations

**Exchange ideas:** We discover and celebrate diverse perspectives

**Take action:** We create positive change in our community

With this basic structure, every Rotarian can create an explanation of Rotary, tailored and fitting to the specific region and local Rotary Club.

Let me add two very personal thoughts to this: The first is about care. Looking after our neighbor with sincere empathy is the foundation of peace. Looking after the members of your own Rotary Club with great empathy is a solid basis of a strong club. If, for example, someone is not showing up regularly, there is always a reason for that. To figure out what it is and trying to help, to lend a hand, is much more successful than insisting on our rules. It is one reason for better retention -- and a main reason for a strong Rotary Clubs.

The second thought is part of my personal attitude and that is FUN. I strongly believe that fun is a major driver of success. Fun is so important for a Rotary club meeting. I remember a discussion about

attendance in my Rotary Club 20 years ago. One of our members, a nation-wide business leader and well known for his success all over Europe, threw in: "I am so busy and have so little spare time. If I am joining my Rotary club meeting, it must be fun. Without fun, I will simply not join."

And it is not just about our meetings. Working on our social projects, serving the community is more effective, more successful with fun.

And please believe me:

Without fun I would not take on any administrative office in Rotary.

Now, to be honest, a lot of the importance of fun I learnt here in Africa. Talking to African Rotarians about fun is like "carrying coals to Newcastle". It's you who showed me how much fun Rotary could be.

So, let us have fun on this district conference, let us have fun here in Addis Ababa while learning more

about our organization, and let's have fun for building a stronger Rotary.

Thank you!





# 4 D9212 SERVICE PROJECTS

## 4.1 THREE GROUPS OF CLUBS AWARDED AT THE 91ST DCA

At the beginning of his term, the District Governor had challenged clubs and Assitant Governors to achieve specific goals within given deadlines. The following have been selected by the DG named Awards Committee to receive the awards:

### GROUP I - EARLY QUALIFICATION:

Annual qualification to access global grants is a TRF requirement. D9212 also requires qualification. The trend has been clubs start preparing for qualification after the year for which they want to qualify enters. This has often taken so much time that most clubs do not qualify even at the end of the year which means they fail not only to access TRF's global grants but also does their grant management and stewardship remains uncertain.

In principle and as per the TRF guidelines, not to say of Rotarians' commitment to handle TRF grant

funds as sacred money, there should not be any problem to meet all the qualification requirements at any time of the year leave alone at the end. The challenge is truly consistent in-process recording of project accounts as they happen.

To encourage clubs qualify at the beginning of the year and be ready to access grant resources right from day one of the new year, DG Teshome Kebede had challenged clubs to get their books of accounts audited before the end of the previous year and comply to all the other qualification requirements.

#### 1ST POSITION: CLUBS WHICH ACHIEVED QUALIFICATION BY 30TH JUNE, 2015

##### Kenya:

Club	Country/Zone	AG Responsible
RC of Muthaiga.	Kenya Central	Janet Mathenge
RC of Ongata Rongai	Kenya Central	Janet Mathenge
RC of Voi	Kenya Western	Mohamed H. Samji
RC of Karen	Kenya Central	Gatwiri Kirimi

#### 2ND POSITION: CLUBS WHICH ACHIEVED QUALIFICATION BY 30TH JULY, 2015

##### Kenya:

Club	Country/Zone	AG Responsible
RC of Kiriniyaga	Kenya Eastern	Dickson Mujendi David
RC of Peponi	Kenya Central	Mbaabu Mathiu
RC of Thika West	Kenya Central	James Mwanji
RC of Nairobi South	Kenya Central	Cheryl de Suza
RC Kisumu Central	Kenya Western	Richard Onono

#### 3RD POSITION: CLUBS WHICH ACHIEVED QUALIFICATION BY 31ST AUGUST, 2015

##### Ethiopia:

Club	Country/Zone	AG Responsible
RC of AA Entoto	Ethiopia A A	
RC of AA Central Mella	Ethiopia A A	
RC of Gonder Fasiledes	Ethiopia Northern	



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## 4.1 THREE GROUPS OF CLUBS AWARDED AT THE 91ST DCA

### GROUP II - BEST GIVING TO THE ROTARY FOUNDATION:

1. Clubs were encouraged to give to the Rotary Foundation. The goal was zero clubs with zero giving and Zero Rotarians with Zero giving to TRF. The strategy was to involve all clubs across the district to raise funds to TRF by selling bookmarks for about US\$0.50 cents each but to about 500,000 individuals all over the district. 30% of that was supposed to go to TRF latest by 23/02/2016 – the RI birth date. Because of logistical reasons it could not be finalized to date and the campaign is still going on. The Award for that initiative is called “Change Driver Award”

which is now delayed till last week of June, 2016, when special occasions will be held at each zone or country to recognize change drivers who will have performed at the top levels.

2. However, clubs continued giving to TRF in the traditional ways of encouraging members by way of EREY, PHF, PHS, MDL, Bequest and even AKS. **The best giving during the period ending on 31/03/16 was considered for this award.**

#### BEST GIVING CLUBS

##### Kenya:

Zone	1st	2nd	3rd
Kenya Central	RC of Nairobi South (Cheryl de Suza)	RC of Nairobi (Phoebe Betau)	RC of Muthaiga (Jane Mberia)
Kenya Coast	RC of Bahari – Mobasa (Brian Twanamasiko)	RC of Malindi* (Tabbita N. Wamuti)	RC of Mombasa Central (Mohamed H. Samji)
Kenya West	RC of Nakuru (Silvia Skipchek)	RC of Thika (Protus Lumiti)	RC of Thika West (James Mwanji)
*Malindi is 100% EREY			

##### Ethiopia:

Zone	1st	2nd	3rd
Addis Abab	RC of AA Bole	RC of AA Entoto*	RC of Gonder Fasiledes
*Entoto is 36% EREY			

### GROUP III - MEMBERSHIP INCREASE:

#### Best Performance in membership increase

Country/Zone	1sts Place	2nd Place	3rd Place
Kenya Central	RC of Muthaiga	RC of Karen	-
Kenya Western	RC of Eldoret UG	RC of Kisumu	RC of Mbita Mfangano Isl.
Kenya Coastal	RC of Mobasa North	RC of Malindi	-
Ethiopia	RC of AA East	RC of AA West	RC of Finot





# 4 D9212 SERVICE PROJECTS

## 4.2 FIVE CLUBS RUNNING UNIQUE PROJECTS THAT GRADUATE THEIR BENEFICIARIES TO SELF SUFFICIENCY AWARDED ON THE 91ST DCA

All TRF projects must be started if the impacts they bring about solve the problems of those supposed to be assisted. It means, Rotarian projects need to see at least the light at the end of the tunnel for their beneficiaries. With the exception of interventions made in projects that are emergency, relief and/or life saving in nature, regular long term projects must target such results.

The DG noted several projects funded by GG, DG or internally generated resources by clubs during his official visit. Of these, some were extremely unique and worth special recognition. He picked five such projects, three in Kenya and two in Ethiopia, for his special recognition. These are the following.

KENYA	
Rotary Club of Utumishi - Nairobi	<b>Prosthetic hand installation for one-hand amputees:</b> This has been an ongoing project for victims of various accidents as a result of which one of their hands is amputated. The service is provided by a trained Rotarian, Dr. Mussadiq Mir, a member of the Rotary Club of Utumishi. Once, the prosthetic hand is installed for them the individuals assisted can do most of the works they do with normal hands and can resume their livelihood earning activities that do not require both hands natural. <b>It is indeed a life changing service to those affected</b>
Rotary Club of Marallal	<b>Community School Economic Empowerment:</b> The RC of Marallal figures out the pupils going to the Ngorunit elementary school in Samburu County often arrive without eating enough food and stay during the day decreasing in their capacity to pursue their education as the day gets late. The club saw a more sustainable way of addressing this challenge. It bought five camels which could be milked, and the milk sold in the village market as source of income for the school to organize a kitchen, recruit cooks and buy food staffs for cooking within the school premises for the pupils. <b>This has been going on expanding into more qualitative provision of the school feeding as the income generation now includes a small poultry which provides eggs for added nutrition for the pupils and also selling for increasing the schools income to provide for the feeding program.</b>
Rotary Club of Meru	<b>Women Economic Empowerment through Table Banking:</b> Women meet every morning of a market day in the town of Meru to invest for the day and/or pay their debts to a team of table bankers selected from themselves, trained by experts from the RC of Meru and appointed to lead the process. The amount so collected is lent out to others who use it for working capital in their petty businesses. There are details of other extensions for the need of the working capital. The women who borrow their daily working capital requirements buy and sell during the day and return their debt with small service fees at the end of the market day keeping the profits they have made. <b>That helps the women buy their own home requisites and save for participating in the table banking process from which they can earn dividend on the next business day.</b>



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## 4.2 FIVE CLUBS RUNNING UNIQUE PROJECTS THAT GRADUATE THEIR BENEFICIARIES TO SELF SUFFICIENCY AWARDED ON THE 91ST DCA

ETHIOPIA	
<p><b>Rotary Club of Addis Ababa Central Mella</b></p>	<p><b>Youth Economic Empowerment Through Hospitality Skills Development - Friends Café:</b> The club sits with community leaders to choose unemployed youngsters whose lives can be changed by taking hospitality industry skills training. They are then trained in a live running hospitality business called Friends Café in food preparation, serving as waiters, supervisors, etc and graduated with certificates. In a country where the tourism industry is booming with only a handful of relevant training centers, their employers have to line up. <b>Their lives do really get transformed to well paid skilled service providers sought after across the country.</b></p>
<p><b>Rotary Club of Finot – Addis Ababa</b></p>	<p><b>Women Economic Empowerment Through Skill Development and Access to Market:</b></p> <p>Most families in Shiro Meda make their living in collecting firewood from dense forests in the hills of Entoto risking so many perils and selling it to town dwellers. With most of these having several babies, life is always from hand to mouth. The RC of AA Central Mella designed a project to give them a better future. Work with communities to select the most destitute, open a KG for their children to stay at when their mothers get busy, train the mothers in various skills like pottery, tailoring, knitting, etc. link them to markets interested in their products, create a microcredit system that will help them raise the money required to start business. They convert into self supporting artisans of various skills. No more wood carrying and vulnerability walking through the dense forests of Entoto. Completely transformed.</p> <p><b>This is a unique initiative the DG recognizes as driving change.</b></p>





# 4 D9212 SERVICE PROJECTS

## 4.3 INAUGURAL ROTARY QUIZ CHALLENGE AND TALENT SHOW



In a world full of strife and disparity, Rotary emerges as a model institution, which for the last 111 years has striven to bring together people of diverse backgrounds including age groups, race, color, religion, professions and business to address some of the world's most pressing humanitarian issues. Rotary was born in the East and Central Africa region 85 years ago with the charter of the Rotary Club of Nairobi in September 1930.

The Inaugural Rotary Quiz Challenge and Talent Show was held on Saturday, 7th May 2016 at the Apollo Centre Auditorium, Nairobi and was among the events the club organized to celebrate the



milestones of Rotary in the region and to start a new tradition of bringing Rotary Clubs and their affiliate Rotaract and Interact Clubs to share a platform as they build on their Rotary knowledge and also educate the general public on the work Rotary has been doing in the region since 1930. At least 18 Rotary, Rotaract and Interact Clubs participated in this inaugural event. Rotary Club of Muthaiga emerged winners while Rotary Club of Lavington and Rotary eClubs

of South West USA and Silicon Valley came in 2nd and 3rd place respectively. The talent show trophies were lifted by Interact Club of Aga Khan Academy and Rtn. Ritesh Barot of Rotary Club of Nairobi.

Interact Clubs membership is made up of mostly high school students aged 13-18 years, Rotaract Clubs are for university students and young professionals aged 18 – 30 years while Rotary clubs admit leaders in the business and professional world mostly aged above 30 years. To bring these different age groups together on the table at the Rotary Quiz Challenge is a simple yet powerful symbol of how it is possible to sit together and provide solutions to the world's most pressing issues despite our diverse backgrounds.

It is an opportunity for our young Interactors to interact with successful business men and professionals that are Rotarians, an opportunity to



get a mentor and someone to look up to and aspire to be like. It is an opportunity for business and professional leaders that are Rotarians to recognize and appreciate the important role they can play in molding upcoming leaders and professionals that are Rotaractors into responsible and successful citizens. It was a chance for Rotaractors to understand the important transition gap they fill in and how their transition into Rotarians is critical in the membership growth and hence continuity of Rotary!

The first of its kind in the Rotary World, the Quiz Challenge and Talent Show hopes to grow into an annual event incorporating all Rotary Clubs in the country and be adopted by Rotary clubs in other countries, an avenue of demonstrating and advancing Rotary's work in promoting cooperation, world understanding and peace!





# 4 D9212 SERVICE PROJECTS

## 4.4 THE GIRLS EMPOWERMENT PROJECT BY THE RC OF KILIMANI ALFAJIRI – WHERE IS IT NOW?

The reason it was started was to help girls boost their self-esteem and empowerment even during those times of natural womanhood.



A qualified nurse training the young girls on the use and application of the sanitary kit provided

This primary school which has several neighboring ones in the adjacent area (primary schools and secondary schools), have a large population servicing a slum settlement population or rural area where life is an everyday struggle. This is not the only challenge – there are many other challenges. But a high rise



structure is built brick by brick. Start it here.

The promoter of the project, RC of Kilimani Alfajiri, realizes that there are many people who want to do good but sometimes they are unaware of the types of problems that our girls face, or are

unaware of whom to partner with locally to make the difference in the girls' lives (and boys whom the project includes for they come from the same poor



Girls with their newly provided sanitary kits

families and need to be included for dignity, hygiene, mentorship and career talks that accompany kits distribution.

Surely, there are lots to learn and improve even by scaling up the little successes this project has achieved. Let us keep in touch with it and inspire its



More confident than ever before

leaders to do so. After all, we are better together.



# 5 INFORMATION FROM RI

## 5.1 POPE WELCOMES ROTARY TO JUBILEE AUDIENCE



Photo Credit: Courtesy of the Vatican

Pope Francis greets Rotary International President, K.R. Ravindran, at a Jubilee audience at the Vatican on 30 April, where 9,000 Rotary members were special guests of the pontiff.

Thousands of Rotary members, motivated by a special invitation from Pope Francis, gathered at the Vatican in Rome on Saturday to celebrate a message of compassion, inclusiveness, and service to humanity.

At mid-morning, the group -- numbering some 9,000 members from 80 countries -- made its way through the congested streets of Rome, past the tight security surrounding St. Peter's Square, and settled into the area reserved for Rotary in front of St. Peter's Basilica for the Jubilee audience.

Francis, a 79-year-old Argentine, urged the crowd of more than 100,000, which included members of the police and armed forces from around the world, "to build a culture of peace, security, and solidarity around the world."

His message of peace resonated with Rotary members, including R. Asokan from Tamil Nadu, India. "His message about peace is about accepting. Rotary, which accepts all walks of life, can carry his message to all our clubs, therefore carrying his message to all our communities," says Asokan.

Though Francis is the leader of the Roman Catholic Church, his words often reach a wider audience. A poll published earlier this year found him to be one of the most liked and trusted world leaders.

That's what made this event at the Vatican so appealing, says Adriana Lanting, who traveled from California, USA, to attend. "To have such a transcending figure together with a transcending organization like Rotary in the same place is something I just couldn't miss," says Lanting, a member of the Rotary Club of Long Beach.

Madrid Zimmerman, another Long Beach member, isn't Catholic but says Francis has a knack for touching people's hearts regardless of where they're from. "Rotary has the same effect," she adds. "We may have different ways of expressing it, but our [Rotary] action in helping others comes from the same place.

"This event is a reminder that we only have one goal and that's to give service to those who need it. I think that's the message I want to bring back to my club," Zimmerman says.

After the Jubilee audience, Francis met with a small delegation of Rotary members led by RI President K.R. Ravindran. The pope spoke to Ravindran about the importance of vaccinating children against polio





## 5.1 POPE WELCOMES ROTARY TO JUBILEE AUDIENCE

and encouraged Rotary to continue its efforts against this disease.

“I have been honored and deeply touched to have had the opportunity to meet Pope Francis earlier today, and to have heard him tell us to continue our fight toward polio eradication,” says Ravindran, who is Hindu. “It has given me even more pride in Rotary’s past, even more faith in its present, and even more optimism about its future, than ever before.”

### Mitigating the migrant crisis

On Friday, Rotary hosted a panel discussion in Rome to highlight efforts to alleviate the plight of refugees from Syria, Iraq, and Afghanistan. More than 60 million people, including 11 million Syrians, have been displaced by war and violence over the last four years. Such extensive displacement has not been seen since World War II.

In the discussion, moderated by Vatican Radio, experts from the World Food Programme, the Jesuit Refugee Service, and UNHCR (UN Refugee Agency) talked about ways to help migrants start over in their new countries.

Rotary General Secretary John Hewko, speaking on the panel, pointed to several initiatives Rotary clubs have undertaken to integrate refugees into society, including computer coding schools and a vocational training project in Rimini, Italy.

“The plight of today’s refugees is really a litmus test

for today’s compassion,” Hewko said.

He encouraged audience members and panelists to use their connections to provide the resources and funding needed to address the humanitarian crisis.

After the panel discussion, Bonaventure Fohntung, a member of the Rotary Club of Upper Blue Mountains Sunrise in New South Wales, Australia, said that Rotary and the pope have the same agenda when it comes to helping migrants. Recently Francis took 12 Syrian migrants, three families including six children, back with him to the Vatican after visiting a camp on the Greek island of Lesbos.

“We need to go home from this event and set an example. Each club should do something. Just one thing to help these refugees can make a remarkable difference,” he added.

The two-day Rotary event in Rome, tied to the Vatican’s Jubilee of Mercy and dubbed the Jubilee of Rotarians by organizers from District 2080 (Italy), also included benefit concerts and three fundraising dinners for polio eradication.

By Ryan Hyland  
Rotary News  
2-May-2016



## 5.2. COL ENGAGES IN NEW THINKING TO MAKE ROTARY BETTER, BALDER AND BIGGER

The following is the summary of the Council on Legislation's Resolution's (COL) captured by PDG Eric Kimani, who is D9212's representative on the COL. It is clear the Council's new resolutions this year have been very revolutionary and reader's are advised to read full contents from [www.rotary.org](http://www.rotary.org).

### 2016 COUNCIL ON LEGISLATION HEADLINE NEWS FOR DISTRICT 9212

By COL D-9212 Rep. PDG Eric Kimani

I attended the COL for the first time to represent our District. What an experience!

I participated actively in the 5 days sitting and made some useful suggestions that were incorporated. The following are the highlight of what I think affects our District. The full report will be available online soon.



1. Dues Increased by US \$ 4 per year for next three years- a modest 7% increase but 20% over the period
2. Clubs were given more flexibility on determining their meeting schedules and membership. It is now easier to cancel a meeting and clubs may decide to meet at least twice a month. Flexibility on clubs deciding their membership rules and requirements was also given.
3. A council on Resolutions was formed to ease the work on the COL meeting and likely to save Rotary \$300,000 if COL is shortened by a day.
4. Rotaractors may now join Rotary while they are still Rotaractors.
5. Admission fee is no longer necessary and was removed from the Bylaws.
6. The Club Treasurer is a member of the board of the club.
7. A club has 90 days within which to sort out any suspended Rotarian.
8. Where a zone is divided into A & B (like ours), the

selection of an RI Director will now be done by the Districts in the part selecting only and not the whole zone.

9. Challenging the nomination of District Governors was made more difficult.
10. The distinction between e-clubs and traditional clubs was eliminated.
11. The power of the RI board to re-district was enhanced.
12. Ambassadorial scholarships were returned to the grants!
13. 20 years continued membership in one club now qualify for excused attendance

### MORE ON THE COL: Section 17 – COUNCIL ON LEGISLATION

The Council on Legislation is the legislative body of Rotary International, which has the authority to amend its constitutional documents. (RIC 10; RIB 7 and 8) The Board has also issued decisions relating to the Council on Legislation. (RCP 59.)

The Council meets every three years in April, May or June, but preferably in April. The RI Board determines the dates of the meeting.

Except for compelling financial or other reasons as decided by a two-thirds vote of the entire Board, the meeting is held in the vicinity of RI World Headquarters. (RIC 10, 2).

### MEMBERSHIP

Representatives should be selected by nominating committee procedures in the same manner that district governors are selected. (RIB 8.050.)



# 6 NEWS FROM ROTARY INTERNATIONAL

## 6.01 END POLIO FOREVER

GATES FOUNDATION TO GRANT \$38 MILLION FOR LOW-COST POLIO VACCINE



Bill and Melinda Gates are interviewed in New York, on January 21, 2015.

by REUTERS - May 9, 2016

Japan's Takeda Pharmaceuticals is to get \$38 million from the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation to develop a crucial, low-cost polio vaccine for use in developing countries.

As part of a global plan to eradicate the crippling disease, of which experts say the world could see the last case this year, countries will need to switch from using oral polio vaccine (OPV) to using so-called inactivated polio vaccine (IPV) to ensure the disease does not reappear. Experts fear a substantial worldwide shortage of IPV once every country in the world is ready to make the switch, and polio eradication strategists have been looking at how to avert that shortfall by encouraging new manufacturers into the sector.

Chris Elias, the Gates Foundation's head of global development, said the partnership would help "ensure that the world has enough vaccine to get the job done and maintain a polio-free world." Takeda said in a statement it would use the Gates funding to develop, license and supply at least 50 million doses per year of so-called Sabin-strain inactivated poliovirus vaccine (SIPV) to more than 70 developing countries. The shot will be made available at an affordable price for countries supported by the GAVI vaccines alliance,

which is backed by the Gates Foundation, the World Health Organization, UNICEF and others to fund immunization programs in poor countries.

Polio invades the nervous system and can cause irreversible paralysis within hours—and WHO's repeated warning is that as long as any polio virus is circulating, people are at risk. But the world is now on the brink of wiping out polio forever, with only 12 cases of the contagious viral disease recorded worldwide so far this year—in Pakistan and Afghanistan.

Global health experts say stopping all polio transmission is possible by the end of this year. The full official, global eradication of polio could be declared by the end of this decade.

The vaccine, which was originally licensed from the Japan Polio Research Institute, has already completed mid-stage Phase II trials, Venkayya said. Once it has been fully developed, tested and licensed, it will be manufactured at Takeda's facility in Hikari, Japan.





## 6.02 THE ROTARY FOUNDATION DONATES 88.8 MILLION BIRR TO SUPPORT POLIO ERADICATION INITIATIVES IN ETHIOPIA

WHO Press Release: Rotary Foundation Donates ETB 88.8 Million to Support WHO Ethiopia Operational Cost of Polio Eradication Initiative | 18 May 2016

ADDIS ABABA, 17 May 2016 | An Official Handover Ceremony of Rotary's Grant

The Rotary Foundation of Rotary International granted Eth. Birr 88.8 million for operational support to ENDPOLIONOW in Ethiopia through WHO- Ethiopia. As long standing supporter of polio eradication initiative for the last 25 years, Rotary's grant globally is about USD 2.3 Billion.

This new pledge of 88.8 million is made in honor of current Ethiopia's polio free status and it will be used to sustain this position. Examining Rotary's 25 years of engagement in the Global Polio Eradication Initiative endeavor, which is in a state of the completion and closure of Polio Eradication Initiative was the basis for continuing the strengthened effort and success that Africa is celebrating now.

"Thanks to the generous Rotary's donation. We will dramatically increase our capacity and this fund will ensure that World Health Organization Ethiopia will always be able to sustain the gain. This grant will secure our leadership position to continue providing our technical support in polio eradication initiative, explained Dr. Olusegun Ayorinde Babaniyi, Acting WHO Representative for Ethiopia. "With the increasing Rotary's commitment to support the country and the global initiative, we wanted to ensure that the World Health Organization would maintain its pre-eminence to build on the polio legacy to accelerate the improvement in routine immunization for closing the immunization gap. We are so pleased to be able to take this



step," he added.

As the initiative enters its final stages by 2018, investments made in the cause of polio eradication are built on to benefit other development goals. Therefore the completion and closure of the Global Polio Eradication Initiative is as serious as the beginning of polio Eradication Initiative.

PDG Tadesse Alemu NPPC Chairman in Rotary Grant handing over ceremony said, " As we needed fund to launch Polio Eradication Initiative program and we have to see to it that funding is crucial for Endgame activities and polio legacy to ensuring investments made are built on to benefit other development goals. Therefore, this grant is for one-year, which must be fully expended by 31 March 2017. The Rotary Foundation is very pleased to support polio eradication efforts in Ethiopia through this grant."

## 6.03 UNESCO SCHOLARSHIP AVAILABLE

The Rotary Foundation and UNESCO-IHE Institute for Water Education are working together to tackle the world's water and sanitation crisis and are offering up to 10 scholarships for graduate study at UNESCO-IHE's Delft campus in the Netherlands. The partnership aims to increase the number of trained professionals who can devise, plan, and implement water and sanitation solutions in developing areas. The scholarships also are designed to promote long-term productive relationships between Rotarians and skilled water and sanitation professionals in their communities.

Scholars will receive a Master of Science degree in urban water and sanitation, water management, or water science and engineering. Graduates work with their Rotary club sponsors on a related project to benefit their local community. The application deadline is 15 June. For more information, review the application toolkit and scholarship terms and conditions.

If you have questions, please contact [grants@rotary.org](mailto:grants@rotary.org).

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# 7 OUR YOUTH OUR FUTURE

## 7.1 28TH DISTRICT CONFERENCE ASSEMBLY 2016

Addis Ababa Ethiopia

Contributed by President Rediet Teka  
Rotaract Club of Lewet

Ethiopia Rotaractors were much honored to host the 28th Rotaract District Conference and Assembly (DCA) after seven years at their capital city Addis Ababa from April 14 to 16, 2016. Spear headed by Rotaractor Hirut Dawit, the DCA team comprising of representatives from all Rotaract clubs in Ethiopia, country team, DRR Richard and his team worked day and night to make the event engaging and educative with fellowships designed to strengthen the friendship bond.



Hosted by Rotaract Club of Lewet, the DCA was officially kicked off with a Black and White themed night affair taking us back to the 1950s and 60s glamorous days. On April 15, Rotaractors from Ethiopia, Kenya, South Sudan and Uganda headed to the African union headquarters to join Rotarians at the joint opening ceremony of the 91st Rotary DCA hosted by the District Governor Teshome Kebede. More than 700 Rotarians and Rotaractors came together at the historical venue to celebrate volunteerism and toast to what have been a great



Rotary year where each of us were able to be a gift to the world.

In the afternoon, after having our own opening ceremony of the 28 Rotaract DCA, we were joined by Guinness World Record holder for laughing for longest time, laughter instructor Belachew Girma who pushed us to find no reason to let our inner happiness out to enjoy the true joy of laughter. Following this, Rotaractors were treated with an appearance of Rotarian Ibrahim Mama a former Rotaractors who shared his insight and experience about entrepreneurship and the opportunities ahead for the youth. Finally with an aim to inspire and encourage Rotaractors to achieve the fifth goal, selected former Rotaractors took the stage to share their journey of becoming a Rotarian. The panelist were joined by Rahel Getachew former DRR and currently representative of Rotaractors in RI new generation committee and Country Trainer PP Rotarian Esayas Yesuswork. In the evening we braided our hairs, put on some uniforms and packed our bags with books to enjoy the Back to school themed night.

On April 16, 2016, the third and last day of DCA began with a motivational guest speaker Haddis Tadesse Director of Africa for Bill and Melinda (Gates Foundation). He talked about professionalism, persistence, and success and shared his life experience. Vote of thanks was given by Rotarian Seble Hailu. Lastly DRR Richard and District Secretary Maria reported the overall performance and activities of the clubs in the district followed by the election of 2017/18 DRR.

DRRE Abenezer Feleke 2016/17 was given the opportunity to present his plan for the next RI year including the introductions of his District and country teams.





# 7 OUR YOUTH OUR FUTURE

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## 7.1 28TH DISTRICT CONFERENCE ASSEMBLY 2016

In the afternoon after the delicious lunch we headed to a community service time at Biruh Tesfa school class room renovation project organized by Rotaract club of Mella.

What has been one of the most memorable DCAs came to an end with a style at the Red Carpet Themed DRR Gala Dinner held at Nexus Hotel. The event was designed to give thanks to the hard working District, Country and DCA teams, to award Rotaract clubs who not only met minimum standards but excel in their own way and to officially hand over the District Rotaract leadership from DRR Richard Mwangi to DRRE Abenezer which was presided over by Past DRR Rahel Getachew. DRRE Abenezer Feleke is the third Rotaractors elected to serve in this position

have learned from you.

It is to our greatest belief that every Rotaractor will not hesitate for a second to be witness to your unchanging loyalty to the essence of Rotary and Rotaract by extension: .Service above Self. Every Rotaractor who has heard you speak or talked to you in person would also witness you understanding of the vision of Rotary and of Rotaract. As such we are excited to see you become the DRR of our district. We are excited to see your leadership in action and where you would take our family.”

Congratulations, Abenezer!!!



from Ethiopia.

Abenezer is one of the active Rotaractor who served in the various positions in his club, at a country and district level and Ethiopia couldn't have been more proud to see his official installation at the final night.

We have all witnessed time and again his relentless dedication and adoration to what we can truly call our own Rotaract. Some of us have had the privilege to see him grow up the moment he joined the Rotaract family and became a better person every day.

“Yes we have learned a lot from you. We have learned the power of subtlety to solve problems and to work as a team. We have learned leadership is truly by example. We have learned giving the chance for people to explain themselves and not judge them is the best characteristic a friend could have, not just

a friend but a leader could have. We have learned to be a man is not to be dominant and aggressive but to be persuasive and headstrong. All these things we





# 7 OUR YOUTH OUR FUTURE

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## 7.1 28TH DISTRICT CONFERENCE ASSEMBLY 2016





# 7 OUR YOUTH OUR FUTURE

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## 7.2 YOUTH EXCHANGE



May 2016 | Connecting students and communities around the world

## ROTARY YOUTH EXCHANGE OPENS THE DOOR TO SERVICE, LEADERSHIP, AND FUN!

Rotary Youth Exchange participants are part of an incredible network of leaders engaged in service around the world. Whether you're currently on exchange, are an alumnus, or are a Rotarian working with your club or district to engage former participants, there are a variety of opportunities to get involved:

- Form an alumni association or find one near you to stay connected to Rotary's global network of leaders.
- Join one of more than 20 Rotarian Action Groups lending their expertise to tackle global issues such as HIV/AIDS, microfinance, blindness prevention, child slavery, and more.
- Take action with a Rotary Community Corps (RCCs). Channel your creativity into designing community service projects that create solutions to local challenges.
- Connect with more than 60 Rotary Fellowships and expand your network through a shared interest in a hobby, sport, or profession.
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Discover even more ways to get connected through Rotary.

[LEARN MORE](#)

### WHAT'S HAPPENING

#### Short term exchange inspires service

Before departing for a short term exchange program in Perth, Australia, Michelle Edick and her fellow Youth Exchange students decided to activate Rotary's motto, "Service Above Self." The students developed their own service project to benefit Rotary's partner, ShelterBox. Designing and selling t-shirts, the students raised AU\$1500 to help bring relief to victims of natural disasters.

#### World peace through exchange

Most students understand the purpose of Rotary Youth Exchange is to learn a new language, travel, and discover a different culture, but there was one important reason Quinn Ferris hadn't considered: world peace. His group of exchange students in





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## 7.2 YOUTH EXCHANGE

Cozumel, Mexico learned how to be tolerant of their differences and what they can do together to create a more peaceful world.

### Global Alumni Service to Humanity Award

Do you know incredible Youth Exchange alumni or ROTEX that deserve to be recognized for their professional and volunteer work? Nominate them to receive a 2016-17 Global Alumni Service to Humanity Award! Find out about the process and submit a nomination before 30 June. Then discover more ways to engage alumni.

### NEWS AND UPDATES

District 3700 (Korea) has been added to the list of those that have met certification requirements to fully participate in Rotary Youth Exchange and can now both host and send exchange participants.

View our complete listing of noncertified districts.

### Do you have a Rotary Youth Exchange story?

If you have a story from your year abroad, if your experience as a member of a host family changed

your life, if you met new friends and professional connections through your alumni association, tell us about it! Send your story to [youthexchange@rotary.org](mailto:youthexchange@rotary.org). It could be featured in this newsletter, on the Rotary Voices blog, or on our Rotary Reconnect Facebook page.

### NOW ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS FOR 2017-18 ROTARY PEACE FELLOWSHIP

Apply for a master's degree or professional development certificate fellowship and study at one of our six Rotary Peace Centers.

- Watch the application checklist video
- Take the eligibility quiz
- Submit your application by 31 May

### POST YOUR OWN OFFER ON ROTARY GLOBAL REWARDS

Rotary and Rotaract members can now offer discounts on products and services from their own businesses through Rotary Global Rewards. You can submit an offer and make it available locally, regionally, or globally.

- Explore Rewards or add an offer today



# 8 THE 91ST DCA IN PICTURES

## 8.1 DCA COMMITTEE IN ACTION

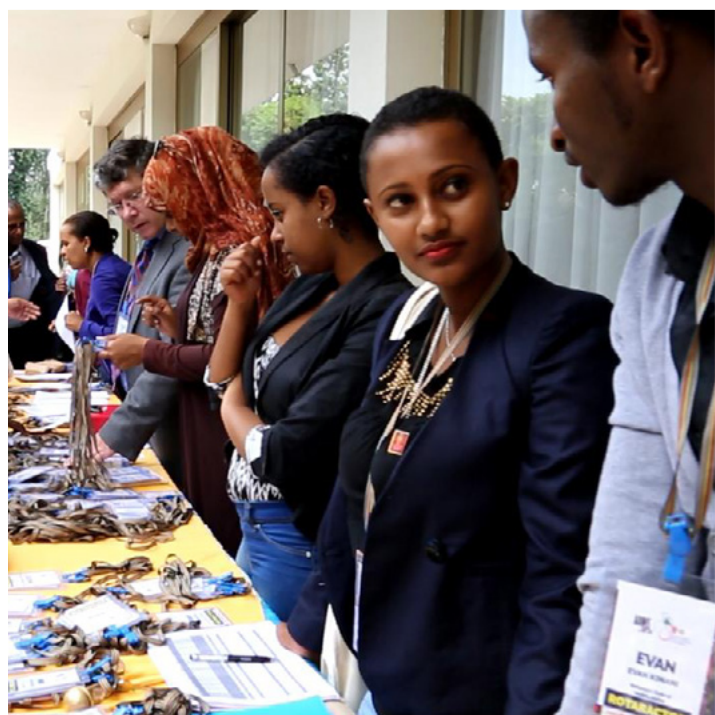




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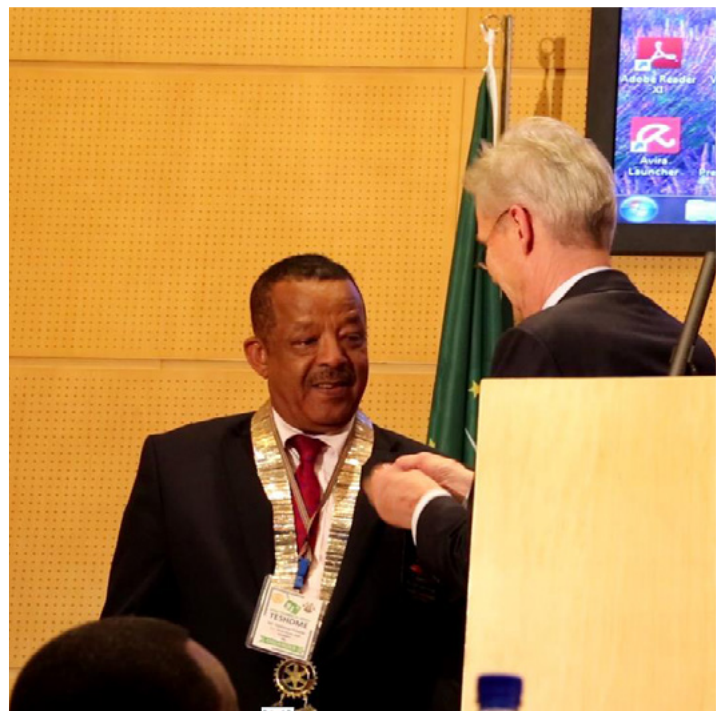




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## 8.3 AT THE DCA - THE CONFERENCE





# 8 THE 91ST DCA IN PICTURES

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# 8 THE 91ST DCA IN PICTURES

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## 8.3 AT THE DCA - THE ASSEMBLY





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## 8.3 AT THE DCA - THE ASSEMBLY





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## 8.4 FELLOWSHIP





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## 8.5 WELCOME RECEPTION





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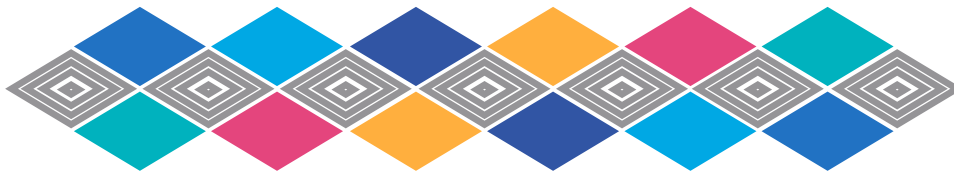




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## 8.6 CULTURAL NIGHT





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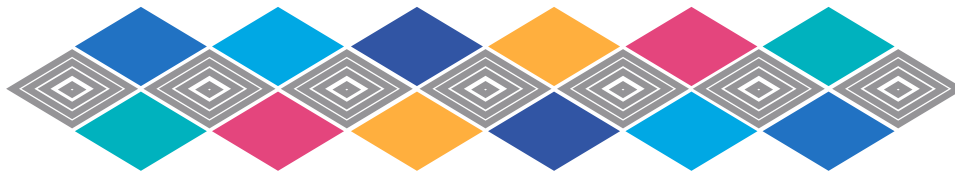




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## 8.7 GALA DINNER





# 8 THE 91ST DCA IN PICTURES

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## 8.7 GALA DINNER





# 9 THE 92ND DCA LAUNCHED

The 92nd District Conference and Assembly will be hosted at the great lakeside city of Kisumu at the Tom Mboya Labor College from the 20th to 23rd, April 2017.

The organizing team headed by PP Isaac Gitoho of the Rotary Club of Muthaiga say, Rotarians registering for the event will be met with a rich cultural heritage, typical of the spirit Kisumu, a major trading hotspot and a great resource town of Kenya located on the banks of the serene Lake Victoria.

This conference will bring together notable professionals and business people from the entire District 9212 and beyond. It will be a hub for best networking opportunities coupled with fun and fellowship. It will intend to make you discover and celebrate the beauty of serving humanity and enjoy every step.

Registration rates kicked off at US\$150.00 per participant as early bird rate during the 91st DCA. Other rates and information can be obtained from the organizing committee.

The highlights of the program include the following:

## Thursday 20th April 2017

Registration  
Pre Conference Workshops

## Friday 21st April, 2017

District Conference Opening  
Plenary Sessions  
Networking  
Happy Hour & Entertainment  
Special Theme Dinner

## Saturday 22nd April, 2017

District Assembly  
Plenary Sessions  
Awards & Recognitions  
Networking & Recreation  
Happy hour & Entertainment  
Special Banquet & Merriments

...learn more from [Isaac.gitoho@ecoenergy.co.ke](mailto:Isaac.gitoho@ecoenergy.co.ke)



# 10 THE ROTARY INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION

## 10.01 KNOW BEFORE YOU GO - KOREA CONVENTION



### REGISTRATION

Registration will be located in Hall 5 in KINTEX 1, and it opens on Thursday, 26 May, at 15:00. Registration hours are as follows:

Thursday, 15:00 - 19:00

Friday, 08:00 - 19:00

Saturday, 08:00 - 20:00

Sunday, 07:00 - 18:00 (shuttles will start at 07:00 from hotels to KINTEX)

Additional tickets for RI events may be available on a first come, first served basis at Registration.

Photo identification (driver's license or passport) is required to pick up your badge. Note that you may pick up only the badge assigned to your registration number.

### MOBILE APP

Get up-to-date program information, plan your schedule, and connect with other attendees using the Rotary Events mobile app. Use these links or search for Rotary Events in your Apple or Android app store.

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The 2016 Host Organization committee (HOC) is developing an additional app featuring a voucher good for discounts on meals, drinks, and souvenirs from participating providers, as well as information about KINTEX, restaurants, and HOC-sponsored tours. More details will be available on-site.

### ATTIRE

Business casual, as is customary in your country, is suitable for most events. Invitation-only events may require more formal dress.

### TRANSPORTATION

#### Getting to Kintex

To find information about traveling to the convention venue, see <http://www.riconvention.org/en/seoul/venue>

For information about getting around Korea, view the transportation guide at <http://www.riconvention.org/en/seoul/resources>

#### Mobility

Electric scooters are available for daily rental on a first come, first served basis, with payment in cash only,





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27 May -- 1 June, from the Scooter Distribution booth in the lobby of KINTEX 1. KINTEX can provide wheelchairs on a first come first serve basis at the Information Desks located at KINTEX 1 and KINTEX 2. A designated scooter and wheelchair entrance will be available in hall 2 of KINTEX 1 for General Sessions.

### PROGRAM UPDATES

#### OPENING SESSION

Please plan to attend the FIRST seating of the Opening Ceremony in halls 2-4 of KINTEX 1 on Sunday, 29 May, 10:15 - 12:30. This session will feature welcomes from RI President K.R. Ravindran and convention co-chairs Ian Riseley and Kaz Ozawa, wonderful entertainment, and the Rotary Parade of Flags.

#### BREAKOUT SESSIONS

Consider attending these breakout sessions:

- From Stagnant to Sensational: How to Revitalize Your Club
- Global Grants: Moving from Good to Great
- Rotary Business School: Public Speaking Skills
- Social Media 101: Using Social Media as a Listening and Relationship-Building Tool
- The Culture Zone

#### INTERPRETATION EQUIPMENT

Interpretation equipment is available for cash purchase only (KRW or USD). Please see the program book for general session and breakout session languages, and equipment locations and pick-up times.

### CONVENTION ORIENTATION WEBINAR

Learn how to make the most of your convention experience by viewing the on-demand recording of our recent webinar, in English, Korean, or Japanese.

#### FIRST TIME ATTENDEE?

VISIT: <http://www.riconvention.org/en/seoul/first-time-attendees>. And plan to attend the Orientation for First-Time Convention Attendees on Saturday, 28 May.

### SPECIAL DIETARY REQUESTS

If you indicated a dietary requirement for ticketed meal events on your registration form, proceed to the Special Dietary Requests Booth after picking up your badge at Registration to learn how to submit your dietary requests.

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Check out all the events, and don't forget to register for the 3K Walk for Peace!

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Are you headed to Korea for the 2016 Rotary International Convention? A number of breakout sessions can build your training expertise while you're there:

- **E-Learning: The Future** — Rotary International in Great Britain and Ireland and Rotary staff have developed several e-learning courses through a successful partnership they began in 2014. Find out about this exciting project and learn how to make the most of Rotary's Learning Center. We will use case studies (including the Assistant Governor and New Club Formation courses) to explore how these courses complement regional and national training.
- **Becoming a Better Storyteller** — Join Rotary storytelling experts as they give tips for using stories to make your next presentation more memorable. Be prepared to discuss at least one Rotary story with a small group during this interactive workshop.
- **Speaking in Rotary's Voice** — Rotarians are looking for guidance on how to talk about Rotary to current members, prospective members, donors, and potential partners. If all members spoke in one voice, we would have a stronger, more unified message and story. Together, let's learn to speak and write about Rotary with more consistency, clarity, and confidence.
- **Rotary Business School: Cross-Cultural Communication** — Technology and globalization are expanding rapidly and create new opportunities to work on cross-cultural teams in our daily work. How does the cultural diversity that we value so much in Rotary affect the workplace and international business?
- **Insights and Results of Recent Rotary Research** — Learn highlights from some of Rotary's most important and interesting studies, hear about research that clubs and districts are involved in, and learn the impact research is making on the future of our organization.

There will also be breakout sessions for those appointed to or anticipating future leadership roles:

- Presidents-nominee: Preparing for Your Role
- Symposium for Incoming Club Presidents
- Forum for 2017-18 Governors

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