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Opportunities President



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Rotary Opens Opportunities

"Rotary is not just a club that you join, it is an invitation to endless opportunities."

HOLGER KNACK, RIPE 20-21



THE FOUR-WAY TEST



4th Way Test

1st IS IT THE TRUTH?

2nd IS IT FAIR TO ALL CONCERNED?

3rd WILL IT BUILD GOODWILL & BETTER FRIENDSHIPS?

4th WILL IT BE BENEFICIAL TO ALL CONCERNED?

THE ROTARY GRACE

*Oh Lord and Giver of all good,
We praise thee for our daily food,
May Rotary friends and Rotary ways,
Help us to serve in all our days.*



YOUR INVITATION

ROTARY ISN'T JUST A CLUB TO JOIN,
BUT AN INVITATION
TO ENDLESS
OPPORTUNITIES...

Rotary
Club of Maidenhead Bridge



OTA ANTHEM

*In Ota Rotary
Rotary starts with me
Surely we know
That foundation and strength
And goodness of Rotary
Starts with the Rotarians
Let's share Rotary
Shake hands and say
I love you friends (4times)*

Our Contact

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Meeting Info: Every Saturday @ 9am*



THE OBJECT OF ROTARY

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

- FIRST** The development of an acquaintance as an opportunity of service;
- SECOND** High ethical standards in business and professions, the recognition of the worthiness of all useful occupations, and the dignifying of each Rotarian's occupation as an opportunity to serve society;
- THIRD** The application of the ideal of service in each Rotarian's personal, business and community life;
- FOURTH** The advancement of international understanding, goodwill, and peace through a world fellowship of business and professional persons united in the ideal of service.

ROTARY CODE OF CONDUCT



As a Rotarian, I will

1. Exemplify the core value of integrity in all behaviors and activities
2. Use my vocational experience and talents to serve in Rotary
3. Conduct all of my personal, business, and professional affairs ethically, encouraging and fostering high ethical standards as an example to others
4. Be fair in all dealings with others and treat them with the respect due to them as fellow human beings



2020/2021 PRINCIPAL OFFICERS



President
Funke Salau



Vice-President
Charles Umukoro



President-Elect
Wale Hassan



Secretary
Tunde Adeladan



Treasurer
Muyideen Alagbe

The first Rotary Club in Nigeria was organised through the help of Rotarian Vullemer who invited twenty-one distinguished business and professional men in Kano municipality to form the Rotary Club of Kano, which was chartered on the 28th of April, 1961. About the same time, two other clubs were at various stages of formation in Southern Nigeria: Rotary Club of Lagos, chartered on 30th of May, 1961 and Rotary Club of Ibadan, chartered on November of the same year.

Rotary Club of Ota formation came in the wake of phenomenal growth of Rotary in Nigeria under the leadership of PDG Julius Adelusi Adeluyi (RC Ikeja) in 1982-1983 Rotary Year. Between 1961 (birth of Rotary in Nigeria) and June 1982, there were only twenty-nine Rotary Clubs, but in 1982 alone, thirty-three new clubs including Rotary Club of Ota were chartered all over Nigeria.

The first formal meeting was held on the 15th of February, 1983 at the Sona Breweries Limited, Sango Ota under the auspices of the DGSR Rtn. Wole Thompson of Rotary Club of Onigbongbo. Present at the meeting with him were Rtn. Justice Adeoba of the Rotary Club of Ikeja who explained the Ideals and Objects of Rotary and 17 prospective members of Rotary Club of Ota including Rtn. Vijay Bhargava (from Rotary Club of Theme North, District 314 India) and Rtn. Alex Ojei (from Rotary Club of Ikeja) who later became charter president and vice president respectively, while Rtn. Pegba Otemolu became the secretary.

The club was admitted into the Rotary International on the 25th May, 1983 with 36 Charter members. Peak membership was 56 in 1986 and now 52.

The club meeting has also moved from Sona Breweries, Latwins Hotel, Sango Plaza Hotel to Gateway International Hotel, Ota where it remained for years until recently when it has to move temporarily to Access College Hall due to situation of roads in Ota and the crisis of ownership of Gateway Hotel, Ota. The club later moved its meetings to D'Czars Hotel & Suites, Ota.

Due to the COVID 19 Pandemic which requires bigger meeting halls to enable social distancing, the Club now meets at Maridom Palace Hotel, along Ilo-Awela Road, Toll Gate, Ota. Regular meetings hold every Saturday at 9.00am and 10.30am on Environmental Sanitation days.

The Club projects have touched lives of so many people, such as: supporting Ijamido Motherless Home, sponsored the Akinola's, a family of five which four of the children are blinded from birth. The Club has also donated Ambulance to the General Hospital Ota. Several health services have been carried out by the Club. Potable water was also provided for rural areas and schools. The Club also renovated Ilogbo Health Centre, Ado Odo Health Centre and also provided a comfort station at Iju Health Maternity Centre. The Club also constructed a block of 4 toilets for Ansar-ud-Deen Primary School at Ado Odo.

The Club also provided leadership skill to the youths through Rotaract and interact Clubs. Most importantly, the club has been active in terms of giving to Rotary Foundation.

To date, the Club has produced over 60 Paul Harris Fellows and the Club has also produced a Major Donor, Rtn Salau Funke Doris. Numerous awards have been collected by the Club. Prominent among them are: Best in Membership Development and Membership Retention Award from Rotary International in Rotary year 2015-2016.

Members of the Club have served beyond the club level. The Club has also produced a District Governor in the person of Past District Governor Olufemi Shobanjo. Three notable Members of the Club who have been supporting the Club with their talents, time and treasure from inception till date are PDG Olufemi Shobanjo, PAGs Leke Ibrahim and Wole Kukoyi. These trio, constitute the major pillars the club has been resting on.



Bulletin

Chairman's Remark

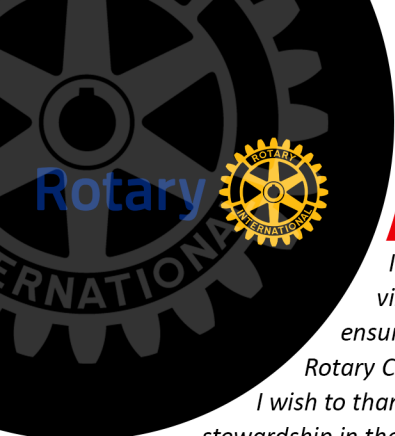
On behalf of members of the Public Image Committee, I appreciate you for taking part of your valuable time to take a look at the first edition of "The Ota Rotarian" in this Rotary year. The Newsletter is an Official Bulletin of the Rotary Club of Ota for showcasing the Club's programmes and events from time to time. This edition covers highlights of the Club's activities in July and August, 2020. Key among such activities are: Tree Planting, Distribution of Facemasks, Development Seminars, Membership/New Club Development Drives, Weekly Club Meetings and a Club Assembly.

As you navigate through the pages of the Bulletin, I bet you will find it informative, educating and interesting.

Thank you for your time.

Rtn. Tunde Sholanke

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President's Message

RTN. SALAU FUNKE DORIS (PHF)

I feel highly privileged to have been given the responsibility of leading a vibrant history and I promise this great Club that I will give it my best shot ensure that the good work is continued so that we can realise our vision Rotary Club of choice in the District and Rotary International.

I wish to thank the immediate Past President, Rtn Salman Kasim for his stewardship in the last Rotary Year. On behalf of the Board Members of this great Club.

I wish to thank all our members for their support and together with constant guidance

from the galaxy of our Past Assistant Governors and Past Presidents, I am extra

confident of success in this Rotary Year. I also wish to thank my Board Members for their willingness to serve and I appreciate your dedication, commitment and support.

The theme for this Rotary year is "Rotary Opens Opportunities". Every one of us will have one or more opportunities to serve humanity. Whenever we are, we can always give our talents, time, treasure, knowledge and abilities. We can give our dedication and our devotion.

We should all be proud of our Club for clocking 38 years and be proud of the diversity of our Club which continues to be very vibrant! More hands mean we can do more work to improve the lives of the less fortunate.

OUR GOALS FOR ROTARY 2020-2021

(A) MEMBERSHIP

Our goal is to grow at least 10% of our membership. Members are encouraged to bring quality members that fit for the purpose of Rotary. Let us imbibe the culture of "Each One Brings One".

MEMBERS BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION: We are going to be celebrating our members on their birthdays in a special way and will also appreciate two members of their families accompanying them to the Club on the celebration day.

WEDDING ANNIVERSARY: Members advised to come with their spouses to the meeting for special celebration. It is an opportunity for the spouse to get familiar with activities of the Club.

CHARTER NIGHT: A Charter Night will be organised for the charter members and our elders in the Club to appreciate their contributions to the development of the Club, and also for ourselves to unwind and appreciate ourselves as members.

AEROBIC EXERCISE: Aerobic Exercise will be organised once in a month, meetings shall be held thereafter. This is to bring fun and flexibility to our meetings. This is also to give opportunities for members to engage in physical exercises and thereby reduce incidences of stress, high cholesterol, high blood pressure, etc.

(B) ROTARY FOUNDATION

Our target is \$10,000 in order to qualify for District Grant and also to make our impact felt in Rotary Foundation. Rotary Foundation helps fund our humanitarian activities from local service projects to global initiative. When we make a donation to the Rotary Foundation, we are making a difference in the lives of millions of people around the world, by promoting peace, support education, poverty alleviation, preventing disease, supporting economic development and providing clean water and sanitation.

I am happy to put on record that we have overshot our target on Rotary Foundation. As at August 2020, Rotary Club of Ota has been able to raise 16 PHFs and has also produced our first major donor in our club and among all the Rotary Clubs in Ogun State.

Members are advised to pay into the foundation yearly to help Rotary do good around the world.

EREY This is \$100 yearly. When you commit to paying EREY (Every Rotarian Every Year) to annual fund yearly, automatically you belong to Rotary Sustaining Member. To date, we have 11 members that have paid EREY in the club.

PHF (Paul Harris Fellow): Those who have contributed at least \$1,000 to the annual fund.

PAUL HARRIS SOCIETY MEMBERS: When you contribute at least \$1,000 yearly to the annual fund, Polio Plus or approved foundation grant.

MAJOR DONOR: When your cumulative donation reaches \$10,000.

ARCH KLUMPH SOCIETY: When your cumulative donation reaches \$250,000. While we appreciate members that have contributed to the foundation. I am also appealing to us all not to stop contributing to the foundation, by contributing to the TRF we are joining Rotary International in doing good in the world.

Rotary Foundation is the heartbeat of Rotary. Please give a gift today and never stop giving.

(C) SERVICE PROJECTS

Our service projects are going to be specific, significant and signature projects that will address the immediate needs of our community. These include:

(1) Renovation of Admin Block and ICT Classroom and donation of computer sets and textbooks to Iyesi-Ota High School, Iyesi in Ota with provision of community borehole (Signature project)

(2) Continuation of Grant project between Rotary Club of Ota and Rotary Club of Brampton, Ontario, Canada

(3) Acquisition of land for Vocational Training Centre

(4) Women empowerment with funds (5) Fumigation and distribution of facemasks and food items. Facemasks have been distributed to Rotarians and non-Rotarians in Ota



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(6) Provision of Dictionaries and mathematical sets to Secondary School

(7) Rotary safety billboard to be erected at Oju-Ore, Ota.

(8) Workshops, lectures and training for young professionals (vocational training)

(9) Peace and conflict resolution programmes and feed the hungry

(10) Tree Planting. The club was able to meet up with the time frame for this project. The Rotary Club of Ota held its Tree Planting Project on 24th of July, 2020 and the event was extensively covered by one radio station (Industrial Radio Online), a television station (African Independent Television - AIT) and three newspapers (NewsDirect, Punch and Sunday Independent Newspapers)

(11) Traffic control and distribution of safety fliers

(12) Polio immunization awareness trek and provision of waste bins to market places

(13) Medical Check Up for Households in Ota

(14) Public Speaking, Career Talks and Schools Debate for Schools

(15) Participation in RYLA and other youth programmes

(16) Family of Rotary Programme

(17) DEWEF

(18) District Governor's Visit

(19) Installation ceremony

(20) Conference and RI Convention

(21) Donations of gifts to maternal and health care and motherless home

The Club has been receiving voluntary donations and sponsorship from Rotarians and non-Rotarians to support the execution of the above listed projects.

(D) PUBLIC IMAGE

Public image and awareness is one of the goals in the Rotary International Strategic Plan. The Rotary Public Image Committee has started making use of social media online tools like Facebook, Instagram, Twitter and YouTube to share inspiring posts, promote the image of our Club and showcase our projects. The committee also encourages all members to use My Rotary and Rotary Club Central regularly and intends to make our website appealing to non-members and not just members. We are going to be creative, consistent, professional and resourceful with all our online communications.

Members are encouraged to check Rotary.org. The Rotarian, Rotary blog, Rotary Voices regularly because power of social media lies in ability to reach a broader audience.

(E) FINANCE

Presently the Club main sources of income are Dues, Ota Bidding, SAA, and members' contributions. Members are encouraged to pay up their dues on time. To date, the club has paid the District Dues for this Rotary Years and RI dues half year payment.

ANNUAL DUES: Annual dues keep us running! Many of us may not know that a portion of our dues' funds Club and District expenses as well as Rotary International operations. Dues are extremely important, as the single biggest source of revenue providing the service we are enjoying as a Rotarian. On that note, I am appealing to everyone to make our annual due a priority. We shouldn't be reminded in redeeming our obligations to Rotary. May God Almighty continue to provide for us. As Club members, Rotary expect us to pay our Club dues as at when due, attend meetings and events, use our professional skills and talents to make a difference.

FINANCIAL REPORTS: The Club operates transparency in all her four accounts. The treasurer gives monthly reports of our accounts at every meeting.

(F) ROTARACTORS

As we are all aware Rotaractors are now elevated to membership status. We are going to give them our support as usual. Our members have gone to give series of talk to the Rotaractors as at August 2020.

(G) CLUB ADMIN

Club Admin Committee promotes our fellowship among Club members and plans effective weekly meetings that enhance members personal Rotary knowledge. reinforce the value of continued membership and also help the Club to achieve her goals. The committee is also responsible for planning our Club's Assemblies under the direction of president and secretary, encourage attendance, assist in Club's bulletin and website.

The Club has held one Club Assembly. The Club website is under re-construction. In one of our meetings we were able to have a record-breaking 88 attendees.

So far, five lectures have been delivered at for online meeting. The topics of the lectures are as follows;

1. The impossible becomes Possible in Rotary through Teamwork, given by PP Alaba Olalekan
2. Overview of Transportation and Development in National Economy given by Professor Bamidele Badejo, for Lagos State Commissioner for Transportation
3. Rotary Talk by PAG Abiola Adeshina
4. Membership Retention and New Club Formation by PDG Wale Ogunbadejo.
5. Magically Transform Friends in Rotary – To Fight Global Pandemics by Dr. Soma Jaiswal, Charter President and Past President Ballygunge South RID 3291, Kolkata, India.

PUNCTUALITY: Every member should please attend Club's meetings. According to RI a member is considered present if in attendance for at least 60 percent of the meetings. The Club will appreciate any members to get to meeting venue or online meeting first in every month with a valuable gift. This has been done for the month of July. Both our online and physical meetings have, so far, been well attended.

CLUB'S PLATFORM: The Club Admin Chair, Secretary and President coordinate the affair of Club on the platform. The Club has created RC Ota Official which should be used strictly for Rotary activities.

BOARD MEETINGS: All Board Members are encouraged to attend board meetings. Board members are advised to host members in their homes, in order to create a good friend relationship among Rotarian families. So far, two Board Meetings have been held and were well attended.

(H) SAA

Sergeant at Arms helps the Club to maintain an orderly dignified and effective meeting in a decent manner. Our SAA in online meetings shall be by voluntary donations. The Club has, through the SAA, generated substantial amount of income through this.

(I) OTA BIDDING

Funds raised through Ota Bidding is used to support Club's Projects. Ota Bidding gifts for this year will be provided during physical meetings in order to safe Club funds for projects and any interested member can support in bringing gifts.

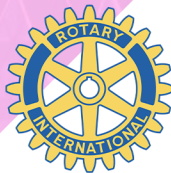


(J) WE-CARE

The Rotary motto "Service Above Self" further deepened by "It profits most who serves Best" are the key concepts here. The concept of WE-CARE in Rotary is for voluntary donations by members. We should note that funds from WE-CARE are used for Family of Rotary and celebrating members on their important occasions, etc.

I want to thank every member for the trust you have shown me and I promise not to let you down. I will be open to advice, support and suggestions to move the Club forward. Let us open our doors of Rotary opportunities, and work together as a team.

Long live Rotary Club of Ota!!!



Rotary Journey

of

RTN. SALAU FUNKE DORIS (PHF)

Salau Funke was introduced to Rotary Club of Ota in November, 2014 by HRH Oba Prof. Abdul-Kabir Adeyemi Obalanlage, The Olota of Ota, who was her senior in Ogun State Polytechnic (Now Moshood Abiola Polytechnic), Abeokuta. Funke has served the Rotary Club of Ota in various capacities as follows:

* Assistant Secretary	2014/2015
* Chairman, Public Relations	2015/2016
* Club Secretary	2016/2017
* Chairman, Rotary Foundation	2017/2018
* Vice-President	2018/2019
* President-Elect	2019/2020
* President	2020/2021

Funke has also served in various committees in the Club and at the District Level. She is an active member and a team player. The Rotary awards received to date by her are as follows:

- * Distinguished Excellence Award as Most Proactive Rotarian of the Year - 2015/2016 Rotary Year. Award for We Care at District 9110 Lagos Nigeria - 2016/2017 Rotary Year.
- * Exceptional Service Award as the Club Secretary. - 2016/2017 Rotary Year.
- * Merit Award in recognition of her selfless service and contribution to the Club's growth and development as the Chairman, The Rotary Foundation - 2017/2018 Rotary Year.
- * Appreciation Award for Excellent and Invaluable Contributions from the District Governor Kola Sodipo - 2018/2019 Rotary Year.
- * Appreciation Award in Commemoration of the Rotaract Club of Ota's 34th Investiture in appreciation of her distinguished role as Guest Speaker of the Occasion - 2018/2019 Rotary Year.
- * Humanitarian Service Award for her Heart of Service and Passion for Humanity - 2019/2020 Rotary Year.

Funke has attended six District Conferences and two Rotary International Conventions in Atlanta Georgia, a Virtual Rotary International Convention in Honolulu, Hawaii, USA and three District Training Assemblies since she joined Rotary Club of Ota. She successfully completed The Rotary Leadership Institute Part I, II and III in October 2017 and became a Paul Harris Fellow of Rotary International in year 2016/2017. All members of her family are also Paul Harris Fellows. Funke is the first Major Donor in the Rotary Club of Ota and in all the Rotary Clubs in Ogun State, a feat she achieved in July 2020. Since joining Rotary in 2014, she has been supporting Rotary Foundation every year due to the passion she has for serving the less privileged. Funke as a Rotarian has consistently exemplified service above self and continues to serve the club with passion, dedication, love and services to humanity.



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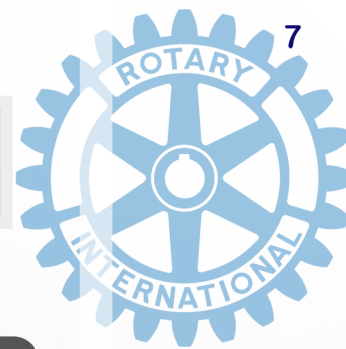


TRANSPORTATION AND NATIONAL DEVELOPMENT: AN OVERVIEW

PROF. BAMIDELE BADEJO

JULY 18, 2020

FORMER COMMISSIONER OF TRANSPORT, LAGOS STATE



1.0 INTRODUCTION

Transport is life, nurtures

life, and keeps life going! Imagine what it would mean for an individual, a community, and a country, if for one day, all the means of transportation available grinds to a halt! It means life itself will halt for that period. Workers, including all essential services staff like the doctors, nurses, policemen, fire fighters, to mention a few, will be nowhere at their duty posts. Risks will be at the highest premium for all. Traders, of all varied descriptions, too, will be unavailable at the various markets. Then, individual and communal life will be at a state of paralysis, for the entire time. Nothing and no one will be in the state of living, as no one is able to move, a temporary death of existence. Even, by extension, the best organised election cannot become a feat, if officials and materials are constrained by transportation, and thus cannot reach their destinations. All the scenarios above are not merely figment of imaginations! At one time or the other, Nigeria has been a witness and victim to all of the illustrated cases. The Nigerian experience reinforces the truism that one inviolable companion of human existence today, therefore, is transportation. With it, life can be lived to a full good measure whether by the individual, the community, the society or the country. Without it, everything becomes stunted, deficient in rising to the highest possible limit of natural or manufactured potentials.

2.0 WHAT IS TRANSPORT/TRANSPORTATION

Transport is Human – directed movement of things between places. Transport or Transportation is the physical movement of people, animals and goods from one location or geographic point/space to another {Interaction}. Transport is important because it enables trade between people which is essential for the development of civilizations. The means or avenue through which physical movements occur is described as modes of transport which include water, road, rail, air, pipeline, cable and space.

2.1 Modes of Transportation

(i) Human-powered Transport (ii) Animal-powered Transport (iii) Air Transport (iv) Rail Transport (v) Road Transport (vi) Water Transport (vii) Other modes e.g. Pipeline Transport.

2.2 Associated Benefits of Transport

*Economic Benefits *Social/cultural Benefits *Political Benefits
*Environmental Benefits *Psychological Benefits *Health Benefits
*Historical Benefits (Tourism)

3.0 ATTRIBUTES/CHARACTERISTICS OF TRANSPORT

* Transport is capital intensive – attracts huge finance.
* Transport is labour extensive (both skilled and unskilled).
* Transport is highly susceptible to technology dynamics/changes.
* Transport is demand responsive.
* Infrastructure and logistics support are essentially required.
* International/global economics and trade pattern.
* Transport is a derived demand hence transport services cannot be stored.
* Transport is systemic in nature and character – as illustrated below.

4.0 IMPORTANCE/CONTRIBUTIONS OF TRANSPORT TO THE NATIONAL ECONOMY

* Offers Mobility for all – promotes interaction and logistics distribution.
* Promotes Trade and Commerce.
* Provides wide and limitless spectrum for Employments/Jobs Opportunities.
* Revenue Generation. Exacts economies of scale.
* Industrial development corridors.
* Infrastructural supports development base.
* Accelerates urbanization and spatial growth/expansion.
* Accelerates population growth and dynamics.
* Encourages Institutional Development and labour relations

*Promotes International Relations and Integration as well as technology transfer.

* Socio-cultural Acculturation and agglomeration (co-existence).

* Recreation, sports and tourism.

5.0 TOWARDS RE-INVENTING THE NIGERIAN TRANSPORT SECTOR

* Manufacturing/Industrialization – oil and gas sector. Agro-allied iron and steel industry.

* Free Trade Zones for process industry and agro-allied.

* Transportation and regional specialization in Nigeria.

* Tourism and recreation.

* Urbanization/Urban mobility efficiency.

* Intermodal transport system redistribution.

* Containing unemployment and under employment (poverty reduction).

* Climate change quagmire and global warning effects.

* Health.

6.0 OBSERVED CONSTRAINTS/CHALLENGES

* Legislation and legal conflicts / overlapping.

* Proliferation of Institutional Agencies in the Transport and other related allied transport Sectors – too many cooks.

* Human capacity and resource development – (Expertise/Professionalism).

* Information/Data base development – to guide decision making process and eventual prioritization of programmes, plans and projects.

* Security and safety – piracy, bunkering, crashes etc.

* Intermodal competition and isolation (absence of coordination).

* Infrastructure, superstructure and other ancillary facilities especially public perceived infrastructure.

7.0 WAY FORWARD

* Promotion of intermodalism.

* Human resources and capacity development response.

* Decongestion of Urban Traffics through multi-modality.

* Improved information and data base – to guide decision making process.

* Development of transport technology capacity.

* Improving the transport institutions framework and relations (complementing one another rather than competition and muscle flexing).

* Creation of a Single Federal Ministry of Transport.

* Improving the main road corridors – improved infrastructure and superstructure development base.

* Public enlightenment and education.

* Intensive advocacy on the Governments at all levels and other institutional stakeholders for functional legal reform system in place for Transportation.

8.0 CONCLUSION

It is quite obvious that there exist huge economic benefits and positive impacts associated with the transport sector in national economic development. The transport sector when properly and adequately propelled is capable of sustaining the economic prospects of the country. Hence, the problems of unemployment, under employment, incidence of climate change and global warming and food security can be addressed effectively by developing an efficient transport system for the national economy to strive through effective transport sector development, a further boost of Internally Generated Revenue (IGR) at the States and National levels are guaranteed.

Finally, transport has in no small measure contributed positively to the national economy. This is not to say that there are no negative outcomes associated with the benefits suffice to say that such can be mitigated.

Thank you all.

Tree Rotary

PLANTING PHOTOS

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THE IMPOSSIBLE BECOMES POSSIBLE IN ROTARY THROUGH TEAM WORK



PP ALABA OLALEKAN

and see how we know that this cooperation we can see today; the countries of the world without the cooperation should also note that the Rotary Club of Ota know that their personal goals only have a chance being accomplished if and if the team accomplishes its goal. What is the team now? The team is the Rotary Club of Ota. What am trying to say here is that the goals of Rotary Club Ota are bigger and higher than their personal goals and personal interest.

TEAM WORK is the collaborative effort of a group to achieve a common goal or complete a task in the most effective and efficient way, hence there is need for us in our club to be together, to cooperate, to support ourselves, to move our club forward. We can achieve what we thought we cannot achieve through coming together as a strong body.

Therefore, a good team work is in a synergistic way of working with each other, committed and working toward a share goal. It is therefore, Ladies and Gentlemen a necessity that leaders facilitate and build the team work skills of their people if they are to steer a club towards success.

On the eve of this Rotary year, the Opportunity President presented the goals for this Rotary year and I believe it is achievable if all of us at Rotary Club of Ota works together as one. For us to achieve these, there are some certain qualities that is expected before a good team work evolve.

QUALITIES OF TEAM WORK

1. Members must communicate well with each other. We must learn to relate well with ourselves we must learn to speak freely with ourselves.
2. Everyone must contribute their fair share, for instance, it is important that we all pay our dues, it is important that we all attend meetings, it is also important that we all attend programs and so many other ones like that.
3. Members must also focus on goals that has been stated and work towards achievement of the result of these goals.
4. Members must offer each other support. Then we need good leadership and I believe and I know and I trust that we are going to get good leadership in our opportunities president.
5. Team must be organised. We need to organise ourselves in our club.
6. Team members must be diverse and luckily at the Rotary Club of Ota, we have people of different orientation, different background, we have people with different professions and these should serve as a kind of an advantage to us at the Rotary Club of Ota.
7. Members must always have fun, we must enjoy ourselves too, we must have a relaxing environment to relate.

IMPORTANCE OF TEAM WORK

Now if you work towards team work, what do we feel will be the importance of team work? Let me tell you, team work environment promotes an atmosphere that fosters friendship and loyalty. This close knit relationship will definitely motivate club members in parallel and align them to work harder, cooperate and be supportive of one another. Individuals possess diverse talent, weaknesses, communication skills, strength and habits. All these, if you put them together to a better use, we will do what we feel we cannot do. But then, our leader also need to look at 5 ways in which she can build team spirit for us to all be together. Our Opportunities President must assist us in the following ways:

- (i) She must be a humble leader. The group must know that they work with you and not for you. If something good happens as a result of a suggestion you received, give credit to the person who made the suggestion. But if something bad happens as a result of a suggestion that you receive, take the blame.
- (ii) Have some rules or suggestions regarding how team members must communicate with each other. Let members of the team know that if they have something to say to somebody or about somebody, they should think first if it will help that person or its going to hurt the person.

If it will hurt the person, they should not say it, but if it is going to help that person, then they should say it. Let me say this that I saw that the club secretary that is, Rotarian Tunde Adeladan posted some rules few days ago and I think this is laudable.

(iii) My President, learn to praise publicly and criticize privately. I think this is very clear enough.

(iv) Let members of the Rotary Club of Ota know that their personal goals only have a chance being accomplished if and if the team accomplishes its goal. What is the team now? The team is the Rotary Club of Ota. What am trying to say here is that the goals of Rotary Club Ota are bigger and higher than their personal goals and personal interest.

(v) My President, share with your team the joy and importance of giving. In fact, that is why we are in Rotary. You cannot live any perfect day without doing something for someone without the thought of repayment and that is what Rotary taught us.

BENEFITS OF TEAM WORK

There are some benefits inherent in being together, in serving together, in working together as a Rotarian.

1. One of such benefit is that when we are together, it fosters creativity and learning, brainstorming idea as a group prevent stale and old viewpoints that often come as a result of working alone. We have varied ideas if we work together, we have new ideas when we work together. It is not comparable to a situation where it is just one person that is going on his own, he wants to be alone, he wants to have his own caucus. Caucuses may be threatening, sometimes they are good.
2. Build complementary strength. Working together will let Club members, build on the talents of tier team mates.
3. If we work together, we are going to build trust. Relying on other people build trust and team work. Establishes more relationship with other Rotarians.
4. If we are together, we are teaching ourselves conflict resolution skills because in team work, people learn to resolve their differences and move on when there are issues. If we are all together, we are going to have issues and, we are going to resolve it and we are going to move on and it will not affect us and that way we can achieve what we felt we cannot achieve.
5. Been together promotes a wider sense of ownership because when we do things together, we all have the feeling that we are the ones who have done it because it is our project. Team projects encourages Rotarians to feel proud of their own contribution.
6. Lastly team work encourages health risk taking.

Ladies and Gentlemen, I want to advise us that in this new Rotary year, Rotary Club of Ota can do what we feel or what is not even in our dream we can achieve it. The president has itemised our goals which we have all supported and we have all given a kind of encouragement to our opportunity President. Our Opportunity President had requested for our support and as a team we need to give our support, we need to work together, we need to take Rotary Club of Ota to the height that is imaginable and I believe this is achievable because we are a big team. As at today, Rotary Club of Ota is renowned and recognised as one of the best if not the best in Ogun and as such we need to go beyond Ogun State. We need to move farther than that and we need to be supportive of each other. Let me conclude by stating this quote: Team work divided the task and multiplies the success. Talents win games but team work and intelligence wins' championships. Alone we can do so little, together we can do much.

Thank you very much.





MEMBERSHIP RETENTION AND NEW CLUB FORMATION

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Membership Development in Rotary, has three phases: Attraction; Engagement and Retention; and New Club Development.

ROTARY CLUB OF OTA IN MY PERSPECTIVE

- * One of the main pillars of RI District 9110.
- * A club with great, leaders who have sacrificed so much for the club.
- * With the unique and very successful Ota bidding style and vibrant, fun-filled fellowships.
- * The most formidable and vibrant club in Ogun State.
- * Consists of very successful entrepreneurs and young vibrant members.
- * Situated amidst so many industries and higher institutions of learning.
- * Has so many impactful projects in the community to showcase itself.

MEMBERSHIP CHALLENGES

- * Members complaining about cost of rotary.
- * Members not attending virtual meetings in good numbers.
- * Members not paying dues on time.
- * Members not participating in service projects in good numbers.
- * Membership not growing as expected.
- * New club formation as a challenge.

ATTRACTION

- * Rotary International is a global and unique brand.
- * Each Rotarian should be an ambassador of that brand.
- * RC Ota should be a contributor to that brand. I know it has been.
- * The name 'Rotary' on its own should attract people to us and our clubs.
- * But as beneficiaries of that brand, are we reflecting it in our activities as individuals and as a club?
- * In our personal lives, is the four-way test reflected?
- * When guests come to our club fellowship, do they see our high ideals and our core values reflected in what we do?
- * What are we promising our prospective members or what are the value propositions when they approach, to join us?
- * Warm, exciting fellowships, weekly take-home in terms of general knowledge, motivating speakers, more knowledge about Rotary or is it just the routine stuff?
- * Are there service projects to show them that they are truly among Rotarians?
- * Are there people in the club that can inspire them to higher heights?
- * Are there networking opportunities for them?

ENGAGEMENT AND RETENTION

- * Engagement is all about inclusiveness.
- * Leaders of the club must take each prospective or new member as a new client to be pampered and made as comfortable as possible.
- * To be embraced by all (not physical hugs).
- * To be given mentors who can teach and inspire them.
- * To be assimilated through knowledge-sharing and continuous training/education.
- * Quick involvement in responsibilities and service projects. Caring for each other, both within and outside the club.
- * Leaders must resist formation of cliques within the club.
- * All members are equal, but we must respect each other.
- * Those who bring members, attend meetings regularly, fund-raisers, those who attend service projects, must all be recognised and small tokens of awards can do so much to inspire and motivate.
- * When members are proud of their club, they will not want to leave and will be willing to do more for the club.
- * Relationships grow beyond the club and more connections are made outside the club.
- * The club grows in membership, has more funds for projects, contributes more to the Rotary Foundation and its public image grows in its community.
- * We then have not just an effective club, but a vibrant club.

NEW CLUB DEVELOPMENT

For new clubs to be formed, there are some pre-conditions:

- * There must be the need to have a club in the area.
- * New club will not affect the membership of any pre-existing club.
- * An experienced member of the sponsor club will be appointed to mentor the new club. He may transit to become the new club adviser for the club, but if the club is not very old, a club adviser can be appointed by the District, who is not a member of the sponsor club.

A new club can however be formed without a sponsor club, but the involvement of a sponsor club has been observed to be important in the survival of new clubs.

- * The district must be informed once the decision to form a new is taken.
- * The prospective members must be carefully, diligently and in a step wise manner guided through invitation of various speakers on rotary, general knowledge, importance of funding and our core values. This helps to properly orient them to what they are getting involved in. Being Rotarians without knowledge is one of the reasons for the high attrition rate in rotary membership.

STEPS TO STARTING A NEW ROTARY CLUB

- * Identify a locality for the new club.
- * Get organised.
- * Make a communication plan.
- * Hold informational meetings.
- * Recruit charter members.
- * Hold organizational meetings.
- * Submit the new club application.
- * Celebrate the charter and celebrate the club.
- * Continue developing the new club.

WHY START A NEW CLUB?

New clubs provide opportunities for prospective members to:

- * Engage with their communities differently;
- * Make an impact in the lives of others;
- * Connect with leaders in their areas and around the world;
- * Set out with others to build something together for themselves and the community, shaping the club from the start – forming its culture, establishing its unique traditions, setting its service priorities and making it their own.
- * For us as Rotarians, we know that new clubs are needed to increase our membership. In fact, it is the shortest route to membership increase, if done well.
- * They also bring other benefits to us, the community and Rotary. Starting a club is an ideal way to:
- * Increase the diversity of the clubs in the area.
- * Explore different forms of club organisation and club life in the District.
- * Pursue new project possibilities in the district.
- * Meet more leaders in the area and hear their fresh ideas.
- * Greater impact in the lives of the less-endowed in the community.

CLUB TYPES IN HISTORY

- * Traditional Rotary club
- * Satellite club
- * E-club
- * Passport club
- * Corporate club
- * Cause-based club
- * Rotaract

CURRENT SITUATION

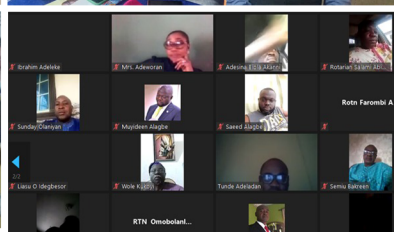
- * The virtual meeting has come to stay and we must all make good use of it. Advantages include: low cost of fuel, low cost of entertainment, payment for meeting venues is reduced, avoidance of traffic, reduced stress on Rotarians and family members, improved confidence and inclusion of family members in Rotary.
- * The ease of inviting guests to our meetings and even other Rotarians from far and near. You can invite anyone in Rotary to address your club, which wasn't possible before.
- * We can increase our membership by allowing virtual attendance of meetings and amending our bye laws to allow such distant people to become members.
- * We can thus carry out projects in other parts of the world or make more connections for global grants through such members.
- * Some may however complain of data cost, but when compared to the reduced expenditures in other areas, it's still much better in terms of cost.
- * What however suffers is our century plus old physical fellowship. After Covid-19, we can however do a hybrid arrangement to take advantage of both routes.

CONCLUSION

RC Ota has all the attributes to attract quality members to its fold and form new clubs. But most of us are not speaking out about rotary to friends, relatives and acquaintances who may wish to join our fold. We have to think without a box. Here are so many opportunities for corporate club, satellite clubs and Rotaract in this environment. All members have to be involved in membership development and not just the president or membership committee members. Our District will be re-districted sooner than later and RC Ota may be part of the fulcrum around which the new District may be built. You must be ready.

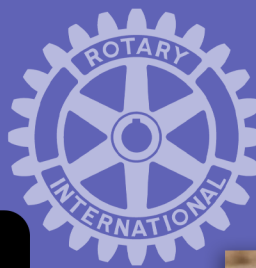
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ROTARY AND THE IDEAL OF SERVICE

Rotary is an evolving organisation, so are Rotarians too. But one sure thing that guides Rotarians in all our ways is the concept of the "ideal of service".

It's the basis of our object of Rotary which epitomizes our whole essence as a global brand and it must reflect in our lives as individual Rotarian.

Rotary started with the vision of one man — Paul Harris. The Chicago attorney formed the Rotary Club of Chicago on 23 February 1905, so professionals with diverse backgrounds could exchange ideas and form meaningful, lifelong friendships.

Over time, Rotary's reach and vision gradually extended to humanitarian service. Members have a long track record of addressing challenges in their communities and around the world.

The Object of Rotary as we have it today evolve over years of serious reflection on how best we can influence our world positively.

A whole is equal to summation of all its parts and is greater than any of its part...so is our Organization-Rotary International, made up of our Clubs (about 34,000) and this clubs made up of the over 1.2 million individual members.

If follows that our effectiveness as an organization can only be the summation of our individual effectiveness in pursuing the 'ideal of service' far above any other consideration in our clubs, communities, nations and the world at large.

Ideal if defined as a principle or value that an entity actively pursues as a goal and holds above other pettier concerns perceived as the norm.

Our Object of Rotary formulated in 1906 with three objectives has passed through various amendments before we now have it as it is today with just one objective reflected in four core different areas of our service, that is, Club, Vocational, Community and International.

THE OBJECT OF ROTARY

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

FIRST: The development of acquaintance as an opportunity for service;

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

THIRD: The application of the ideal of service in each Rotarian's personal, business, and community life;

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

*Our Ideal of Service is an attitude of being a **THOUGHTFUL** and **HELPFUL** person in all of our endeavors.*

Simply putting service above self...

Ours is a very selfish society, but as Rotarians with this ideal of service, we will be a model in our world -personal, business, community and indeed global.



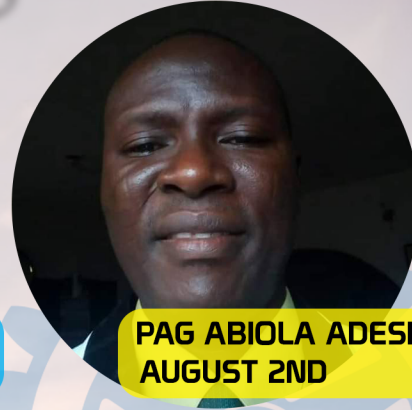
Birthdays



RTN. TUNDE SHOLANKE
JULY 16TH



RTN. TIWARI SATYA
JULY 17TH



PAG ABIOLA ADESINA
AUGUST 2ND



RTN. ALADE JIMOH
AUGUST 6TH



RTN. SUNDAY ODUNJO
AUGUST 10TH



RTN. SAMUEL IBIYEMI
AUGUST 19TH

Wedding Anniversaries



THE SALAMIS
JULY 11TH



THE SHOLANKES
JULY 28TH



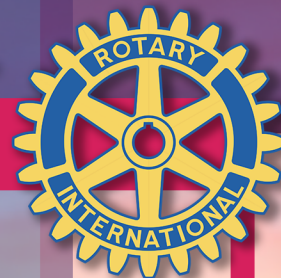
THE MACDAPPAS
AUGUST 10TH



THE AKINNOLAS
AUGUST 26TH

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PRINCIPAL OFFICERS POSITION RI THEME

1. Salau, Funke Doris*	President (2020/2021)	Rotary Opens Opportunities
2. Umukoro, Charles*	Vice-President	
3. Hassan, Sulaimon Olawale*	President-Elect (2021/2022)	
4. Adeladan, Tunde Hamed*	Secretary	
5. Alagbe, Muyideen*	Treasurer	

PAST PRESIDENTS

YEAR

RI THEMES

6. Kasim, Salman Justice*	2019/2020	Rotary Connects the World
7. Odusanya, Adebunmi Adesanya	2018/2019	Be the Inspiration
8. Bakreen, Semiu Gboyega*	2017/2018	Rotary: Making a Difference
9. Adeshina, Tunde Yisa*	2016/2017	Rotary Serving Humanity
10. Ibiyemi, Samuel	2015/2016	Be a Gift to the World
11. Olalekan, Alaba	2014/2015	Light Up Rotary
12. Adedokun, Adeniyi Musibau	2011/2012	Reach Within to Embrace Human
13. Ola, Noah	2010/2011	Building Communities Bridging Continents
14. McDappa, Ngo	2008/2009	Make Dreams Real
15. Oyajinmi, Taiwo	2007/2008	Rotary Shares
16. Abiola, Adesina Morufu*	2006/2007	Lead the Way
17. Olubiyi, Adeolu	2003/2004	Lend a Hand
18. Shobanjo, Juliet Eni*	2002/2003	Sow the Seed of Love
19. Afekhuai, Florence Mimi	2001/2002	Mankind is our Business
20. Kukoyi, Oluwale Olujide*	1990/1991	Honour Rotary with Faith and Enthusiasm
21. Shobanjo, Emmanuel Olufemi	1988/1989	Put Life into Rotary, Your Life
22. Ibrahim, Muritala Adeleke*	1987/1988	Rotarians United in Service Dedicated to Peace

BOARD MEMBERS

POSITION

23. Farombi, Ariyo Lukman	Sergeant-at-Arms
24. Ita, Emmanuel Efiom	Service Project Chairman
25. Oke, Job	Youth Service Chairman
26. Olaniyan, Sunday Olugbenga	Membership Chairman
27. Sholanke, Anthony Babatunde	Public Image Chairman

Key:

* → Other Board Members

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28. Jimoh, Alade M. (President-Nominee, 2022/2023)
29. Abogunloko, Ganiu
30. Adebare, Ismail
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32. Adeyanju, Opeyemi Taofik
33. Ajayi, Abidemi Olatorera
34. Akinola, Esther Modupe
35. Alagbe, Saeed Olabisi
36. Amaku, Sunny
37. Ayorinde, Omobolanle Rashidat
38. Chidibelu, Charles
39. David, Odunjo Sunday
40. Israel, Steven

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42. Okundero, Sunday
43. Olaofe, Oluwanishola
44. Olaogun, Bolaji Oladapo
45. Olatunji, Alao Taoridi
46. Olayiwola, Christopher Oladipo
47. Oyelade, Oluwakayode Olakunle
48. Oyeniran, Sunday Olusola
49. Riman, Saint
50. Salami, Abiodun Nurudeen
51. Tiwari, Satya Prakash

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