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RI President's Message: Unnatural disasters

In December, I will attend the United Nations COP28 Climate Change Summit in Dubai, United Arab Emirates. There, I will speak about the convergence of two global crises: climate and mental health. As the World Health Organization has noted, climate change worsens risk factors — such as disruptions to homes and livelihoods — for mental health problems. The emotional distress of a disaster also makes it difficult for people to recover and rebuild.

Rotary partner ShelterBox is an international disaster relief charity that has helped more than 2.5 million displaced people in approximately 100 countries with emergency shelter, essential household items, and technical support. I wish to share this month's col-



umn with their CEO, Sanj Srikanthan, who explains that the words we choose to describe disasters matter.

Gordon McInally

The term “natural” disaster has long been used to describe tropical storms, floods, earthquakes, and volcanic eruptions, but there needs to be an urgent shift in the language we use. While the term may seem harmless, and we’ve not always gotten it right, we’ve learned through our work with

disasteraffected communities how it perpetuates a dangerous myth that nothing could have been done to prevent people being so badly affected. This misleading and harmful narrative can lead to a lack of action to help people who need it.

The language we use matters. When we frame disasters as natural, we fail to acknowledge the complex interplay between nature and the role of human actions and how they impact communities around the world.

Earthquakes, tsunamis, volcanic eruptions, and extreme storms, drought, and flooding occur because of natural processes on Earth. But it is how these events affect people or the environment that has the potential to make them a disaster — outcomes influenced by

Editorial

Conserve the Environment for our Health



one of our areas of focus; and perhaps our interest and involvement will emphasize the urgency and im-

Fellow Rotarians, and all our dear readership, welcome to December, the themed month for “Disease Prevention and Treatment”

For many, this is a celebratory time for the progress made over the past several months. For students, it is the time to progress to higher classes; while for workers, it is time to look back and forward, to accomplishments made, or yet to be made.

Perhaps in equal measure, if not more, it is also the time with higher incidents of morbidity (and mortality) due to accidents and diseases that affect our health and claim lives. Being a time for the second rainy season, water borne diseases like malaria, cholera, dysentery, etc, are also on the rise due to prolonged rains and contaminated water sources.

Climate science is increasingly establishing a strong link between climate change and health impacts. The impacts of climate change include warming temperatures, changes in precipitation, increases in the frequency or intensity of some extreme weather events, and rising sea levels. These impacts threaten our health by affecting the food we eat, the water we drink, the air we breathe, and the weather we experience.

The Billboard editorial notes the timely coincidence of the month and the 28th UN Climate Change Conference or COP28 (as commonly and conveniently known.) Indeed several Rotarians are attending COP28 as delegates of Rotary International, national governments, or as part of Civil Society. The conservation of the environment is

importance of contributing to global climate action.

With global temperatures hitting record highs, and extreme weather events affecting people around the globe, this year’s UN climate change conference, COP28, is a pivotal opportunity to correct course and accelerate action to tackle the climate crisis.

At COP28 the world is taking stock of progress on the Paris Agreement – the landmark climate treaty concluded in 2015 – to chart a course of action to dramatically reduce emissions and protect lives and livelihoods. To preserve a liveable climate, the production of coal, oil, and gas must rapidly decline, and global renewable power capacity – including wind, solar, hydro and geothermal energy – needs to triple by 2030. At the same time, financing for adaptation and investments in climate resilience need a quantum leap.

In recognition of this importance and efforts made so far to conserve the environment, and good promote health, the Billboard features reports of events as observed by our correspondents.

Most notably, we feature articles calling for the end of extracting fossil fuels and gases, the COP28 UAE Declaration on Climate and Health, and the 123 countries that endorsed it.

The Billboard takes the occasion to wish you a happy and fruitful festive season as we create hope in the world.

RI President's Message Cont'd from Pg 1

human factors like where people live, what types of homes they have, political instability, and the lack of proactive measures to protect vulnerable communities. A disaster is the result of systemic inequalities in access to resources and power. Where we live and how much money we have often determines our ability to recover. The people worst affected are those living in poverty, with the least means to protect themselves and few resources to withstand the next event.

By framing these events as natural, we undermine the need for proactive measures to protect vulnerable communities, masking the underlying social, economic, and political instability that makes marginalized and disadvantaged communities disproportionately affected. Our teams see firsthand how issues like inequality, poverty, urbanization, deforestation, and the climate crisis can make communities more vulnerable.

At ShelterBox, we simply say “disaster” or are more specific, describing the extreme weather, earthquake, tsunami, or volcanic eruption. I urge everyone to help us in breaking this cycle by committing to language that accurately reflects why people are affected so badly.

Only then does it pave the way to address the underlying causes of vulnerability and work toward a more just and equitable future for all, with the necessary investment, resources, and proactive measures to help protect affected communities. Disasters are not natural. Let's stop saying they are.

SANJ SRIKANTHAN, CEO ShelterBox

DG Edward's Message: Endless Gratitude, thank you All!

Dear Friends, it feels like just yesterday when we gathered in Mbarara city to embark on the journey of leading this district. Yet, here we are today, celebrating the successful completion of the first quarter of our term. November, in particular, has been a month like no other, filled with numerous events that many of us attended, showcasing our collective dedication. The Peace concert, the TRF Dinner, the Golf Tournament, and the BCUP fundraiser event among so many other commitments yet you showed up in all these—you are true ambassadors of “Creating Hope in the World.”



cially those beyond Kampala and its metropolitan areas, has left me truly humbled. The generosity and spirit displayed by all Rotarians is inspiring, and the bonds formed during these visits will endure beyond my leadership period— this exemplifies the essence of real fellowship.

What continues to captivate me is the unwavering commitment to the BCUP agenda. Our promise to invest five years of our Rotary period in enhancing the skills of the boychild and empowering young men is materializing, and the enthusiasm is commendable. Kudos to the team in charge of Youth Service for their efforts in the mentorship series, and the success statistics received are truly heartening. The prospect of our young ladies finding empowered and well-nurtured partners is a testament to our shared goal of reducing crime and idleness while fostering confidence in boys and young men.

I extend my gratitude to the secretariat and my team for their support as I continued visiting different clubs as per the DG's calendar. By the second week of February 2024, I am confident that we will have covered all the 123. These visits have been far from futile; witnessing the remarkable initiatives undertaken by clubs, espe-

I must also acknowledge the incredible giving spirit you have shown me. Your continuous generosity is a profound expression of love for me as

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your leader. I am confident that, in the second half of our year, we will surpass our target, especially considering the overwhelming response to the TRF dinner. The organizers deserve a salute for their hard work, and the memorable celebration that unfolded that night will undoubtedly go down in history as an event with a difference.

Whenever people do good, people must celebrate, people must tap themselves on the back. My friends, I implore you to use December to reflect on what kind of celebration we want in April 2024 when we congregate at the Speke Resort Munyonyo to account to the same people who ushered us into leadership in April 2023 in Mbarara. This celebration, though, cannot go down in history if we do not attend it—I am inviting you, therefore, to come and be a part of the great celebration of the 99th Discon at Speke Resort Munyonyo on the 18th day of April. Be there, show up, and be counted.

As we enter the festive season celebrating the birth of our Lord Jesus Christ, let's reflect on the values of the season. May you find time to rest and be with family, extending a hand to neighbours in need and supporting one another. The birth of Christ should remind us of the gifts, friends, and families in our lives, as well as the reasons we've dedicated ourselves to a life of service and our clubs' commitments to helping communities and the world.



Rotary
Club of Semuto

CREATE HOPE
in the WORLD

**Please join us in
Fellowship as we
host**

**DG EDWARD
KAKEMBO NSUBUGA**

**On his official
Governor's visit
this Sunday**

17th December, 2023

**04:00pm
@Hilltop Hotel
Semuto**

People of Action

Growing Generically As A New Club By Rtn. David Rogers Kintu

The Rotary Club of Kiteezi is at the genesis of fostering positive change for decades. After going through the process of getting chartered, at times new Clubs feel the need to fast track their growth. However, this may not be possible as it requires a foundation that takes time, resources, learning experiences and a lot of dedication.



Fostering collaboration: Working together with other clubs and other partners on service projects creates opportunities to learn as the members grow in confidence that they can do great things.

Cultivating Club Culture: Establishing a strong club culture is essential at the start, for example, what is Kiteezi known for? The charter members of Rotary Club of Kiteezi have an obligation to build a culture that will build a foundation on which the club can grow naturally. In addition, members should agree on what they may or may not tolerate, as well as making bylaws and enforcing them from the word go.

Innovating and Adapting: New clubs often have the flexibility to experiment with fresh ideas, innovative service projects and engagement strategies. It is very encouraging that you enter into this Rotary World with something not seen before. It could be in fundraising or fellowships, for example, the Rotary Club of Kisaasi Kyanja came in new with ‘the ride against malaria’, and despite that it is a new club, everyone knows it for that new initiative. What if Kiteezi comes as a Club that turns garbage into renewable energy to match the slogan of ‘useful kasasiro’!

It is very easy for a newly chartered club to lose "vibe" and direction, or even have its members misunderstand the essence of Rotary if stretched beyond certain limits. A Charter Club may not be able to do things Clubs that have been in existence for 5 years for example are doing. As your AG, there are things I may not even ask the Club to provide, for example, I may not expect your Club to qualify for grants in the first year. We, therefore, have to be careful which achievements to push for and which ones to build foundations for. This does not take away the need to push ourselves hard to achieve, but all great clubs have gradually but steadily grown.

We, therefore, have to appreciate our generic growth but as we grow, the following should be put into consideration:

Diversifying membership: This diversification can be in age, gender, interests, classification and race. The more diversified the membership is, the more chances there are for sustainability.

Tailoring services to local needs: The Rotary Club of Kiteezi, may choose to focus on addressing specific local needs and issues, making Rotary's impact more targeted and effective. This way, the communities we live in will benefit directly and it is from these same communities that we can grow. As the Club grows, it can then stretch into other areas in the wider District.

Growing a new Rotary Club like ours is a journey that involves dedication, collaboration and a commitment to Rotary's values of ‘service above self’. By following the above strategies and remaining focused on our Club’s purpose, we will build a thriving and impactful Rotary Club.

Rtn. David Rogers Kintu is the AG for RC Kiteezi. His article is reprinted with permission for its relevance to RC Semuto.

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Summary List of Club Awards Rotary District 9213, Rotary Year 2023-24

DESCRIPTION	STATUS
A. INCREASE OUR IMPACT	
1. THE ROTARY FOUNDATION (TRF)	
1.1 THE ROTARY FOUNDATION (TRF) AWARD	Do Not Apply
1.2 EVERY ROTARIAN GIVING AWARD	Do Not Apply
1.3 POLIO PLUS AWARD	Do Not Apply
1.4 PAUL HARRIS FELLOWS (PHF) AWARD	Do Not Apply
1.5 MAJOR GIFTS AWARD	Do Not Apply
2. SERVICE PROJECTS	
2.1 GLOBAL GRANT (GG) PROJECTS AWARD	Clubs Should Apply
2.2 NEW GLOBAL GRANTS AWARDS	Clubs Should Apply
2.3 NON GLOBAL GRANT PROJECTS AWARD	Clubs Should Apply
2.4 BCUP AWARD (EDUCATION SUPPORT)	Clubs Should Apply
2.5 BCUP AWARD (ECONOMIC EMPOWERMENT)	Clubs Should Apply
2.6 JOINT COLLABORATION	Clubs Should Apply
B. EXPAND OUR REACH	
3. MEMBERSHIP	
3.1 HIGHEST GROWTH DURING ROTARY YEAR	Do Not Apply
3.2 MEMBERSHIP DIVERSITY AWARD	Clubs Should Apply
3.3 MEMBERSHIP EXTENSION AWARD	Do Not Apply
4. PUBLIC IMAGE	
4.1 CLUB BULLETIN AWARD	Clubs Should Apply
4.2 PUBLIC IMAGE AWARD	Clubs Should Apply
4.3 SOCIAL MEDIA AWARD	Clubs Should Apply
C. ENHANCE PARTICIPANT ENGAGEMENT	
5. MEMBER ENGAGEMENT	
5.1 MEMBER PARTICIPATION & ENGAGEMENT AWARD	Clubs Should Apply
5.2 YOUTH MENTORSHIP AND ENGAGEMENT	Clubs Should Apply
5.3 DISCON ATTENDANCE AWARD - 1	Do Not Apply
5.4 DISCON ATTENDANCE AWARD - 2	Do Not Apply
5.5 DISCON LONG DISTANCE AWARD	Do Not Apply
5.6 SERVICE BEYOND CLUB AWARD	Clubs Should Apply
5.7 CLUB OF THE YEAR AWARD	Do Not Apply
D. INCREASE OUR ABILITY TO ADAPT	
6. TECHNOLOGY AND INNOVATION	
6.1 LEARNING AND INNOVATION AWARD	Clubs Should Apply



ROTARY INTERNATIONAL DATA SERVICES

To: All current and incoming Rotary and Rotaract club officers

Cc: Governors, assistant governors, district executive secretaries, District Rotaract Representatives, and District Rotaract Chairs

Dear current and incoming Rotary and Rotaract club officers:

This is a friendly reminder to confirm your club membership and officer information in Rotary's database **by 1 January 2024**. We will use this information to generate your January 2024 club invoice.

It is important that your club's member information is up to date because Rotary cannot change the club invoice after it has been generated or accept membership updates with your payment.

As a current club officer, you can ensure that your club invoice will be correct by checking the accuracy of the information in Rotary's database. Here is how:

1. Sign in to [My Rotary](#) and click on **View Club** on your club's tile on the homepage. From there, select **Members**. Rotary Club officers can download a member list under **Members** to compare the data in RI's database to the information in My Rotary to make sure that it is accurate as the invoice will be generated based on the information on this list. This function is currently only available to Rotary clubs.
2. Report all new or terminated members and 2023-24 club officers, including those that are still serving in their roles from the previous Rotary year, **no later than 1 January 2024**.
 - Members with admission dates of 1 January 2024 or before will be counted for the January 2024 club invoice.
 - Members with termination dates of 1 January 2024 or before will not be counted for the January 2024 club invoice.

Please note that incoming club officers can view data in [My Rotary](#), but cannot make changes.

If you are unable to update your member information online, a form is available upon request to data@rotary.org.

In addition, any changes to subscriptions to Rotary International's official magazine *Rotary* [in English] should be reported to data@rotary.org prior to 1 January 2024.

For more information about the club invoice, including how-to guides and answers to frequently asked questions, go to My Rotary's Club Administration pages. For help with membership questions, contact: data@rotary.org.

Sincerely,
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A Day, a Declaration and Dollars for Health

The UN Conference of Parties (COP) first ever health day started with a clarion call from the WHO Director-General echoing the call of 46 million health professionals for a just transition away from fossil fuels, and ended with the announcement of 127 countries endorsing the COP28 Declaration on Climate and Health, with China among the four newest signatories - a packed day and certainly a cause for celebration with a healthy beverage. It's clear there is support for health to have a home at the COP even if it took 29 long years! Health can be an accelerator for climate action, putting the reality of human lives at the heart of ambition.

The Declaration makes clear that healthy climate action must include and go beyond the health sector. It describes the importance of health finance and partnering with communities, but doesn't go quite as far as naming the ultimate addiction and greatest threat to human health - fossil fuels. Human rights are a glaring omission, despite the right to health already being recognised in the Paris Agreement and the right to a clean, healthy and sustainable environment embedded in the COP27 cover decision.

A total of 1 billion USD for climate and

health was pledged during yesterday's WCAS Health Segment, with the potential to propel much needed action. If this climate finance is to truly serve health, ECO hopes that the majority is new and additional finance — not diverted from other climate, health and development priorities — and that it will be based on grants, not loans, to avoid reinforcing vicious cycles of debt, poverty, and disease.

So what next? Words about health will do little sitting on the pages of the Declaration. All 125 signatory Parties must lift them off the page and into the negotiations. The outcomes of COP28 can only be healthy with ambitious climate action across the negotiations. No health justice without climate justice - no health without climate action. This must include the phase out of all fossil fuels and a just transition to affordable, accessible, healthy, renewable energy; the adoption of thematic targets and indicators under the GGA - including for health - to show where gaps in adaptation exist and to protect the world from pandemics; the transformation of food systems including through healthy and sustainable diets; and climate finance, including a capitalised loss and damage fund.

Health Day was a first time, and a first step. ECO will watch carefully for what comes next.

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Today's Emissions are Tomorrow's Deaths

The 'Today's emissions, tomorrow's deaths' study analyses the self-reported 2022 emissions of nine major European oil and gas companies, Shell, TotalEnergies, BP, Equinor, Eni, Repsol, OMV, Orlen, and Wintershall Dea, painting a stark reality of avoidable human losses caused by their greenhouse gas pollution.

“Are fossil fuel companies getting away with murder? Just one year of emissions will create deadly ripples until the end of the century. So, if the fossil fuel industry continues extracting and burning fossil fuels at today's scale, millions of people all over the world could die prematurely.

Phasing out fossil fuels is a matter of life and death, so governments need to act now to ban new fossil fuel projects and force fossil fuel companies to rapidly cut their emissions,” Greenpeace campaigner Lisa Göldner said.

The emissions, totaling 2.7 billion metric tons of CO₂, are forecasted to generate at least an estimated 360,000 premature deaths due to extreme heat and cold, however, there are additional risks like air pollution and extreme weather not included in this estimate. This alarming trajectory could exacerbate climate loss and damage, which is estimated to cost

developing countries approximately US\$400 billion by 2030.

Vanessa Nakate, a prominent Ugandan climate justice advocate, emphasise the urgent need to curb fossil fuel reliance, especially in regions like Africa, which face immediate harm. Swift action is imperative.

Greenpeace is calling for an immediate cessation of new fossil fuel projects and advocates ramping up taxes on fossil fuel companies to fund climate finance and loss and damage recovery.

In parallel, independent legal experts have highlighted possible legal avenues in some European countries to criminally prosecute fossil fuel companies for endangering human lives, an underutilised measure with profound potential in addressing the climate crisis.

Their findings are published in a legal analysis on “Climate Homicide” also published by Greenpeace Netherlands today. This revelation underscores the urgent need for COP28 to decide on a decisive phase-out of fossil fuels, banning new extraction projects, and fortifying support for developing nations grappling with climate impacts.

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USA, The World's LARGEST Oil And Gas Producer

Nobody deserves Fossil of the Day more than the world's largest oil and gas producer, who also happens to be the largest gas and petroleum product exporter and is responsible for over one-third of all planned oil and gas expansion. We are, of course, talking about the USA. The US is also weakening the possibility for COP28 to adopt a full, fast, fair, and funded fossil fuel phase-out. Their support for inserting unabated fossil fuels into the cover text ignores the science and the grave health and climate injustice impacts of carbon capture and storage and other dangerous "abatement" technologies. Any further expansion of fossil fuels endangers especially Black, Brown, and Indigenous residents in the U.S. and poisons Global South communities. Over two million people have died from climate-related disasters in the last 50 years, and this is just the tip of the iceberg.

First Runner-Up - Russia Our next deserving recipient of a Fossil is doing their best to undermine the Paris Agreement and our collective climate action as a whole. Russia, for the last time, gas is not green and it certainly isn't a transition fuel.

Despite your resistance at COP28 to the phaseout of fossil fuels in the GST, the renewable revolution is here, and countries are scaling up the deployment of clean power generation and energy efficiency measures.

We also need to talk about your carbon-neutral target. 2060 is 20 years too late as called for by the UN Secretary General, and 10 years later than most developed countries. Homework this late will definitely earn you a zero, you cannot hide behind your forests anymore.

Speaking of late homework, we need you to come to the front and submit your pledge to the Loss and Damage fund, if you fail to

pledge, we will allocate an appropriate amount based on your historical contribution as the third-highest carbon emitter. We've seen your capacity to double military spending, how about placing value on lives and the planet for a change.

And if you thought we were going to forget about the elephant in the room, your war on Ukraine attributes to 150 million CO₂e of greenhouse gas emissions. This is more than the annual GHG emissions from some highly industrialised countries. There is no climate justice without human rights.

Second Runner-Up - Japan Japan was just so thrilled to receive a Fossil of The Day award on Sunday that they took the initiative to get another! They clearly have their eye on the colossal fossil!

Instead of reflecting on their negative report card and looking to improve, Japan doubled down on their decarbonisation strategy. They "clarified" that their decarbonisation efforts focus on no longer constructing new unabated coal-fired power plants. But they missed the point.

Never mind the fact that this commitment was already made over six months ago at the G7 Leaders' Summit. They conveniently forgot to mention that this policy doesn't apply to the new coal power plants already planned, or to the future retrofitting of some of their oldest coal plants to extend their lifespan. They also forgot to mention that they have no plans to phase out Japan's more than 170 existing coal-fired power units.

Even though Japan, as a developed country, needs to phase out coal power by 2030 in order to achieve the Paris 1.5 goal, it is still planning on using a whopping 19% coal power in 2030, with no coal phase-out date or roadmap!

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‘End Fossil Fuels!’ Demands Indigenous Peoples

With greenhouse gas emissions, global temperatures, and sea levels rising, climate change is a matter of life and death for Indigenous Peoples in all seven socio-cultural regions of the world. We are the stewards of over 80% of the world’s biodiversity, and as stewards of our lands and territories, we are protecting the future generations for all of humanity.

For hundreds of years, Indigenous Peoples and our lands and territories have suffered under the predatory systems of colonialism, imperialism, genocide, and ecocide. This continues today, with the extraction of fossil fuels forcing Indigenous Peoples lands to become sacrifice zones, and violating our rights outlined in the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples. Fossil fuel industries violate our right to Free, Prior and Informed Consent, yet they persist with land grabbing, water contamination, hazardous air and living conditions, and ultimately threatening the health and well being of all living things.

Consultation is not consent, and as Indigenous Peoples we say NO to any new fossil fuel projects, development, and infrastructure! We demand a binding global phaseout of fossil fuels and all extraction and production at source, or we will surpass the 1.5C limit.

As Indigenous Peoples, we call for an **END TO FOSSIL FUELS** and an end to extractivism altogether. A world without fossil fuels, where does that leave us? Today, our world is plagued by systems like capitalism and colonialism which are deeply rooted and reliant on extraction and greed. To move forward in a world without fossil fuels, is to return to the natural cycle of life- a world filled with and guided by Indigenous values: reciprocity, relationships, respect, and responsibility.

Here at COP28, climate negotiations and developments remain in the mindset of extraction and exploitation – from climate finance to mitigation, adaptation finance to loss and damage. Climate change is simply being treated as the newest arena for capitalism, financial expansion and development, once again entrenching the dynamic of exploitation and violence from the Global North under the guise of helping the Global South and developing countries. In each of these areas, institutions like the World Bank choose projects based on their ability to generate profit and maximize private sector involvement. This is history repeating itself – it is the same development paradigm that contributed to the climate crisis in the first place, this time with even less accountability hiding behind a greener image.

As Indigenous Peoples, we stand united and do not support the extractive systems of any natural resource, especially fossil fuels because they inevitably damage Mother Earth, the web of life, and each other. All states must commit to an equitable and rights-based phase out of fossil fuels at COP28, a moratorium on false solutions that violate our collective rights, coupled with a commitment to a fair and just transition to sustainable, non-carbon-based energy sources. This is the only way to ensure achievement of the Paris Agreement Goal of 1.5°C global temperature rise, that protects our ways of life, food and eco-systems and collective rights to survival.

As Indigenous Peoples, we say YES to a just transition, especially for impacted communities on the frontlines where fossil fuel financing continues to exacerbate inequalities and result in human rights abuses. We say YES to Parties honoring their historical responsibility and financing the protection and restoration of our lands and territories – from the South to the North. We only have one Mother Earth, and we all must work together to protect her and the next seven generations.

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Putting Health At the Heart of the Climate Agenda



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Putting Health at the Heart of the Climate Agenda

Media Factsheet

Historic Focus on Climate Health Impacts

The 'Putting Health at the Center of Climate Agenda' session of the World Climate Action Summit on 2nd December, combined multiple transformative climate health announcements to drive down emissions and protect health globally. Announcements included the unveiling of the Climate and Health Declaration, climate health financing from partners, and transformative Guiding Principles for Financing Climate and Health Solutions established to protect health.

The First Health Day at a COP

Climate change is one of the greatest threats to human health in the 21st century. COP28 will be the first COP to host a Health Day and climate-ministerial at a COP on December 3rd. At the first ever Health Day, participants will progress solutions to reduce carbon emissions, limiting air pollution, and preventing premature deaths.

Global Action to Address Climate Health Impacts



Endorsements from 123 countries for COP28 UAE's Climate and Health Declaration.



41 endorsements from key partners of the Guiding Principles for Financing Climate and Health Solutions



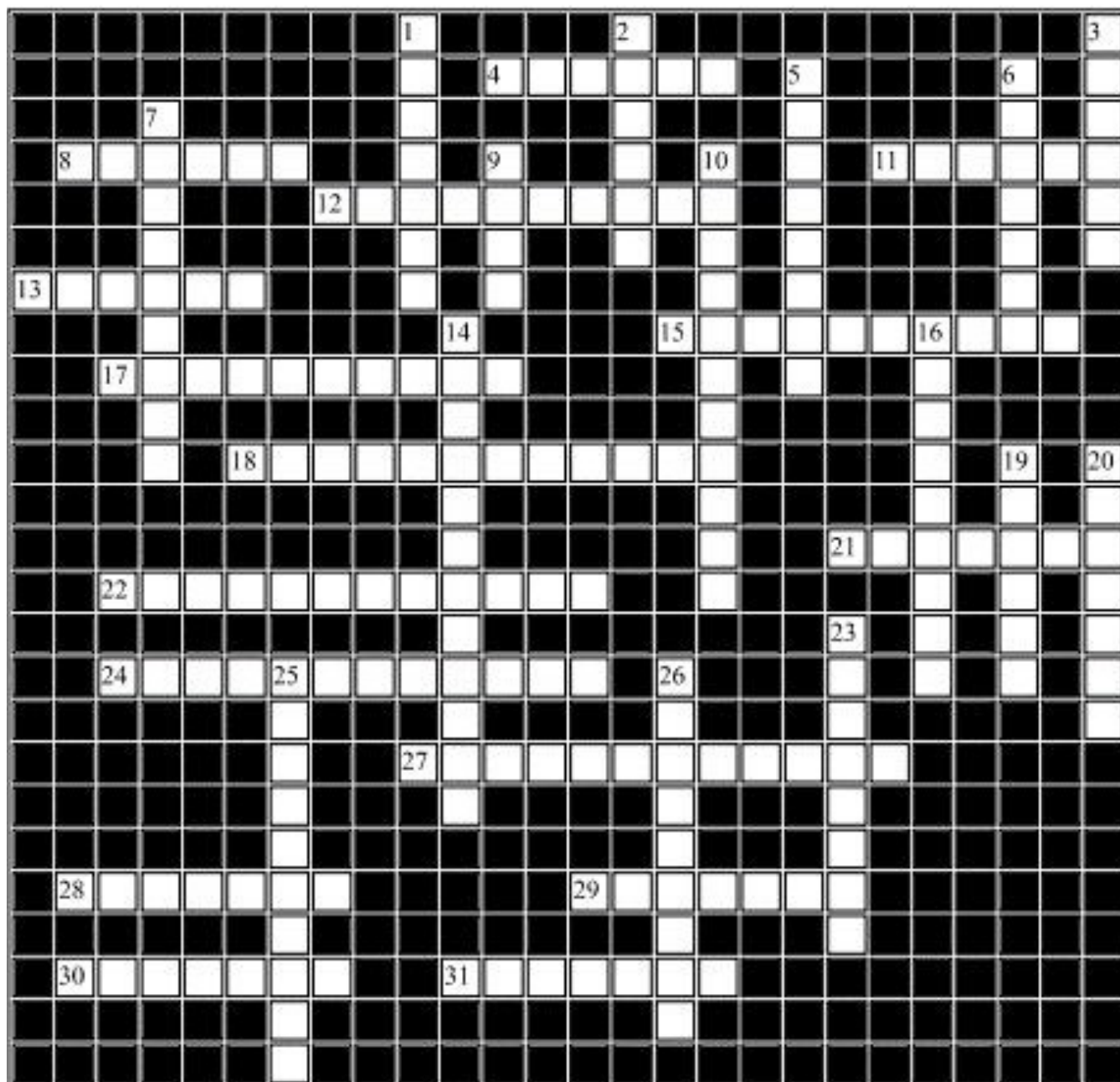
Funders announce over \$1bn funding to address the climate health crisis.

Further Information:

The COP28 UAE Climate and Health Declaration and full list of endorsing countries can be found [here](#).

The COP28 Guiding Principles for Financing Climate and Health Solutions and full list of endorsers can be found [here](#).

Cities of Past Rotary International Conventions —Cross Word Puzzle



Across

4. 1940 RI Convention (city)
8. 1912 Venue of RI Convention (city)
11. 1933 Venue of RI Convention (city)
12. 1916 Venue of RI Convention (city)
13. 1927 Venue of RI Convention (city)
15. 1935 Venue of RI Convention (city) (2 Words)
17. 1918 Venue of RI Convention (city) (2 Words)
18. 1915 Venue of RI Convention (city) (2 Words)
21. 1917 Venue of RI Convention (city)
22. 1938 Venue of RI Convention (city) (2 Words)
24. 1919 Venue of RI Convention (city) (3 Words)
27. 1920 Venue of RI Convention (city) (2 Words)
28. 1910 Venue of RI Convention (city)
29. 1914 Venue of RI Convention (city)
30. 1913 Venue of RI Convention (city)
31. 1930 Venue of RI Convention (city)

Down

1. 1924 Venue of RI Convention (city)
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19. 1926 Venue of RI Convention (city)
20. 1932 Venue of RI Convention (city)
23. 1911 Venue of RI Convention (city)
25. 1922 Venue of RI Convention (city) (2 Words)
26. 1921 Venue of RI Convention (city)

The Rotary Norms (English/Luganda)

English	Luganda
<p>Rotary Grace Lord God, we thank you for the good company and pleasant conversations of our fellow Rotarians and guests. May we be always thankful and ever mindful of the needs of others Amen</p>	<p>Okwebaza Mukama Katonda, tu kwebaza olw'emikwano n'embozi empomu gyetulina neba na Lotare n'abagenyi baffe. Otubeere okwebazanga n'okujjukira abo abali mu bwetaavu. Amiina.</p>
<p>The Loyal Toast Fellow Rotarians and all our guests, let us toast to the good health of the President.</p> <p>Response To his excellence the President of the republic of Uganda.</p>	<p>Okwagaliza Ba na Lotale n'abagenyi baffe, twagalize Pulezidenti obulamu obulungi.</p> <p>Okudamu Eri ow'ekitibwa Pulezidenti w'eggwanga Uganda.</p>
<p>The Four Way Test of the things we think, say or do:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Is it the truth? 2. Is it fair to all concerned? 3. Will it build goodwill and better friendships? 4. Will it be beneficial to all concerned? 	<p>Oku gezesebwa okwe' mirundi ena mu bye tulwoza, bye twogera oba bye tukola:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Ge mazima? 2. Bwe bwenkanya eri abo bekikwatako? 3. Kinazimba okwagaliza okulungi n'emikwano emisukulumu? 4. Kinaba kya mugaso eri abo be kikwatako?

<p>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:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1st The development of acquaintance as an opportunity for service; • 2nd 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; • 3rd The application of the ideal of service in each Rotarian's personal, business, and community life; • 4th The advancement of international understanding, goodwill, and peace through a world fellowship of business and professional persons united in the ideal of service. 	<p>Ekirubilirwa kya' Lotare</p> <p>Ekirubilirwa ky'a Lotare kwe kuzamu amanyi n'okutumbula endowozo y'obuwereza, naddala, okuzamu amanyi n'okutumbula:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ekisoka, enzimba y'okumanyagana nga omukisa gw'obuwereza; • Eky'okubiri, omutindo ogwe'kika ekya wagulu mu milimu ko n'obukugu; oku siima omugaso gw'emilimu emirungi; n'okusamu ekitibwa omulimu gwa buli mu na Lotale nga omukisa okuwereza abalala; • Eky'okusatu, enkola ey'endowozo y'obuwereza mu bulamu bwa buli muna Lotale, mu milimu gye, ne mu bitundu bya ffe; • Eky'okuna, entumbula y'okutegera ku mutendera gwensi yona, okwagaliza okulungi, n'emirembe okuyita mu bwa sseruganda muni yona, ey'emilimu, n'obukugu bw'abantu abegatidde mu ndowozo y'obuwereza.
<p>Final Toast let's toast to Rotary International</p>	<p>Okwagaliza Okusembayo ka twagalize Lotare eyensiyona</p>
<p>Response To Rotary the world over.</p>	<p>Response Eri Lotare ebuna muni yona</p>

Edutainment Corner

Fun of the Month

A woman was bragging about her son, a college student: "He's so brilliant! Every time we get a letter from him, we have to go to the dictionary."

"You're lucky," her friend said. "Every time we get a letter from ours, we have to go to the bank."

Quote of the Month

"May I suggest that you all read, and often. Believe me, it's nice to have something to talk about other than the weather and the Queen's health. Your mind is not a cage. It's a garden. And it requires cultivating."
[Libba Bray, A Great and Terrible Beauty](#)

Answers to Cross Word Puzzle

- | Across | | Down | |
|---------------|----------------|-------------|---------------|
| 4 | Havana | 1 | Toronto |
| 8 | Duluth | 2 | Dallas |
| 11 | Boston | 3 | Vienna |
| 12 | Cincinnati | 5 | St. Louis |
| 13 | Ostend | 6 | Detroit |
| 15 | Mexico City | 7 | Cleveland |
| 17 | Kansas City | 9 | Nice |
| 18 | San Francisco | 10 | Minneapolis |
| 21 | Atlanta | 14 | Atlantic City |
| 22 | San Francisco | 16 | Cleveland |
| 24 | Salt Lake city | 19 | Denver |
| 27 | Atlanta City | 20 | Seattle |
| 28 | Chicago | 23 | Portland |
| 29 | Houston | 25 | Los Angeles |
| 30 | Buffalo | 26 | Edinburgh |
| 31 | Chicago | | |

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RLI CALENDAR 2023/2024

Intake	Module	Dates
16th Graduate & 24th Undergraduate Class	Module 1:	Sat July 15, 2023
16th Graduate & 24th Undergraduate Class	Module 2:	Sat, Aug 12, 2023
16th Graduate & 24th Undergraduate Class	Module 3:	Sat, Sept 16, 2023
17th Graduate & 25th Undergraduate Class	Module 1:	Sat, Oct 14, 2023
17th Graduate & 25th Undergraduate Class	Module 2:	Sat, Nov 11, 2023
17th Graduate & 25th Undergraduate Class	Module 3:	Sat, Dec 02, 2023
18th Graduate & 26th Undergraduate Class	Module 1:	Sat, Jan 20, 2024
18th Graduate & 26th Undergraduate Class	Module 2:	Sat, Feb 10, 2024
18th Graduate & 26th Undergraduate Class	Module 3:	Sat, Mar 16, 2024

Fee: 115,000/= Per Module for meals
Protea Hotel, Kololo. ⌚ 8am
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10 Reasons to Join A Rotary Club



The Opportunity to Serve

Leadership Development

Citizenship in the World

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Fun



Rotary Club of Semuto



CREATE HOPE in the WORLD



Please join us in Fellowship as we host

DG EDWARD KAKEMBO NSUBUGA

On his official Governor's visit this Sunday

17th December, 2023

04:00pm
@Hilltop Hotel Semuto

People of Action





Rotary District 9213



RYLA

Date: 8th - 10th December

Theme: Building Resilience

Venue: Kaazi Camping Grounds

Fee: 380,000 UGX



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Rotary District 9213

DATE
18-20
APRIL 2024

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EARLY BIRD REGISTRATION
\$200 FOR ROTARIANS
\$120 FOR ROTARACTORS
DEADLINE: 31ST DEC 2023

REGISTRATION LINK - <https://discon.rotaryd9213.org/>

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25th - 29th May

	TRAVEL DATES	TICKETS ONLY, STARTS FROM	TICKETS AND ACCOMMODATION 6 NIGHTS STARTS FROM	PER PERSON SHARING BASED ON TWIN OR DOUBLE ROOM IN A 4 STAR HOTEL.
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	23 rd - 30 th May - 2024	\$ 1550	\$ 2400	
	23 rd - 30 th May - 2024	\$ 1550	\$ 2400	
	23 rd - 30 th May - 2024	\$ 1450	\$ 2300	

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SINGAPORE | 25-29 MAY 2024

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Register and pay by 15 December 2023 before prices increase.



Register today at convention.rotary.org



Our Photo World



Make A Date with A Club

Time:	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
7:00 AM		Kampala Early Bird	Kampala Sunrise	Bugolobi Morning Tide Kampala Maisha	Kampala Day-Break	E-Club of Ntinda Kampala Morning Stars Kibuli	
8:30 AM							Kampala Morning Glory
12:40 PM					Kampala		
12:45 PM		Mengo					
1:00 PM		Jinja City	Rubaga	Kampala West			Kampala City
3:00 PM	Sonde			Yumbe			
4:00 PM	Kiwenda						Bukedea
5:00 PM	Bulindo Gayaza Kyanja Metro Semuto		Kabulasoke Gomba				
5:30 PM				Tororo			

Time	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
6:00 PM		Kampala North	Acacia-Sunset-Kampala	Arua	Bugiri	Bweyogerere Central Kampala 7 Hills	E-Saturday Evening Jazz IF
		Kampala South	Iganga	Jinja	Fort Portal	Kampala Kawempe Kampala Kibuli	
		Njeru	Kampala Wandegeya Soroti Central	Kabarole	Gulu	Kampala Metropolitan Tororo Sam Owori	
			Kihihi	Kampala-Central Kasana-Luwero Kigumba	Hoima-Kitara	Kireka Movers	
			Kololo-Kampala	Kumi	Kampala Springs Kayunga	Nkumba	
			Lira	Lugogo Mango Tree Koboko	Kampala Ssesse Islands		
			Makindye	Metro	Kitante		
			Masindi	Mubende	Kitgum		
			Mbale	Nansana	Mbale Metropolitan Source of the Nile Tororo		
6:30 PM		Nakawa	Bweyogerere-Namboole Butabika Royals Kampala-Impala Kyadondo	Rotary eClub Literacy IF		Naggalama	
6:45 PM				Kyambogo-Kampala			
7:00 PM		Kampala – Naguru	Arua Eco City	E-Club of Naguru	Bugolobi	Kampala Palms	
		Kampala Munyonyo	Bukoto	Kira	Gaba	Kasubi	
		Kasangati	Buloba	Kiwatule	Kampala	Kiteezi	
		Mukono Central	Kampala Naalya	Mukono	Kampala East	Manyangwa Nakwero	
		Namasuba	Kiboga		Makindye West	Ntinda	
			Kisaasi-Kyanja		Najjeera		
			Lugazi Central		Namugongo		
					Nateete		
					Nsasa		
					Ntinda Metropolitan		
					Seeta		
					Wakiso		

RC Semuto, Our club

Rotary is the world's first service organization, made up of nearly 33,000 clubs in more than 200 countries and geographical areas. Its members, called Rotarians, are ordinary men and women from business, community and professional backgrounds, impassioned with the desire to serve their communities and the world by volunteering their time, treasure and talent.

Rotary's motto, *Service Above Self*, exemplifies this humanitarian spirit to the rest of the world.

As RC Semuto, we joined this amazing family of Rotary on 15th May 2023. For now, we are the only club in Nakaseke district positioned to serve far-flung parts of other neighboring districts like Luwero, Wakiso, Nakasongola, Masindi, Kyankwazi, and Kiboga.

Semuto and its environs was battle ground to the 1980-85 war where thousands of lives and property were lost. Consequently, the community is yet to fully recover in almost all areas of life including basic education and literacy; water and sanitation; conflict management, and fighting diseases, etc.

In joining Rotary, you are joining people of action who unite to create lasting change across continents, communities and in ourselves.

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