

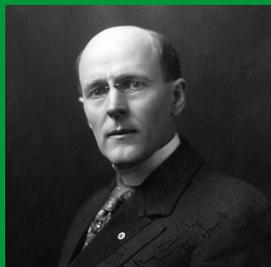
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Rotary Club of Gbagada District 9110

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**Paul Harris**  
Rotary Founder

## ROTARY CLUB OF GBAGADA

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Charter President: G.O. Adenuga - Taiwo

## SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

Rotary International/District 9110 News  
News from Rotarian Action Groups + Fellowship  
Club Trainer's Page  
The Podium  
My Rotary Story  
Personality Interview  
Rotary Encyclopedia



**Jennifer Jones**  
RI President 2022-2023

## AT A GLANCE

President's Message  
From the Editor's Desk  
Minutes of Club Meeting  
Celebs of the Week  
On a Lighter Note



**Omotunde Lawson**  
District Governor 2022-2023

## Club meets Wednesdays

**6:30 for 7:30pm**  
@Golfview Hotel & Suites,  
12 Gen. Adeyinka Adebayo Road,  
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**Alozie Nsirimobi**  
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**Rotary Grace**

*"O Lord the giver of all good,  
We praise thee for our daily food,  
May Rotary Friends and Rotary ways  
Help us to serve thee all our days"*

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The **4-Way Test** of the things we think, say or do:

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?

## 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;

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

## PAST DISTRICT GOVERNORS



PDG Niji Raji  
(1997-1998)  
RI Theme: Show Rotary Cares



PDG Kehinde George-Taylor  
(D9120: 1997-1998)  
RI Theme: Show Rotary Cares



PDG Abayomi Adewunmi  
(2006-2007)  
RI Theme: Lead the Way



PDG Mattias Dehinde Shoga  
(2010-2011)  
RI Theme: Building Communities Bridging Continents



PDG Kola Sodipo  
(2018-2019)  
RI Theme: Be the Inspiration

## LIST OF PAST PRESIDENTS

1984-1985 Late Otunba Adenuga Taiwo - CHARTER PRESIDENT  
1981-1982 PDG Kehinde George-Taylor (served in RC Kaduna)  
1985-1986 Late PP Oladele Okuwa  
1986-1987 PDG Yomi Adewunmi  
1987-1988 PP Olu Isijola  
1988-1989 PDG Niji Raji  
1989-1990 PP Otunba Jossy Ayannuga  
1990-1991 Late PP Abiodun Oredein  
1991-1992 Late Bayo Fowode  
1992-1993 PLG Bola Ayanwale  
1993-1994 PP Kunle Onalaja  
1993-1994 AG Tunde Lawal (served in RC Ijebu Igbo)  
1994-1995 PAG Ayo Onafuwa  
1994-1995 PP Olutunde Aboderin (Served in RC Ipaja)  
1995-1996 Late PP Tunji Atanda  
1996-1997 Late PP Afolabi Atolagbe  
1997-1998 PP Akin Olusoga  
1998-1999 PP Tayo Eboda  
1999-2000 PP Lai Oyeduntan  
2000-2001 PDG Deinde Shoga  
2001-2002 PP Muyiwa Labinjo

2002-2003 PAG Tunde Odutayo  
2002-2004 PP Dayo Sokan  
2004-2005 PDG Kola Sodipo  
2005-2006 PDG Kola Sodipo  
2006-2007 PAG Adewale Adegbite  
2007-2008 PAG Muyiwa Matuluko  
2008-2009 Late PDG Mike Omotosho  
2009-2010 PAG Layi Abidoye  
2010-2011 PAG Lanre Kasim  
2011-2012 PAG Tayo Lawal  
2011-2012 AG Adenike Adeul-Azeez (served in RC Ketu)  
2012-2013 HRM PAG Bayo Windapo  
2013-2014 PAG Tayo Adelaja  
2014-2015 AG Kayode Taiwo  
2015-2016 PP Sola Adenuga-Taiwo  
2016-2017 PP Olanrewaju Akintilo  
2017-2018 PP Adefowoke Williamson  
2017-2018 PP Tayo Opanubi (served in RC Port-Harcourt Airfield)  
2018-2019 PP Basirat Giwa  
2019-2020 PP Akinwale Odutola  
2020-2021 PP Isola Ogunsola  
2021-2022 IPP Bayo Erinle

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



**Alozie Nsirimobi**  
President 2022-2023

**F**ellow Rotarians, Welcome to the 117th year of Rotary International, the 42nd year of District 9110 and the 39th year of Rotary Club of Gbagada. Yet another rare privilege for the living to demonstrate God's image in them by showing kindness to the underprivileged and doing the little you can to make the world a better place.

The last Rotary year ended in a good note for our club as we retained our position on the best three clubs list. Congratulations again to us. Also, kudos to all the individual award winners, we are proud of you. The elders, mentees and advisers of the club, we acknowledge your roles in all these successes.

A new Rotary year is here. At the District level, it started with the launch of the Polio Plus Society on the 1st of July, and then the DG'S Installation on the 2nd of July, which was well attended by members of our club. Other notable activity in this 1st Rotary week is the launch of the 9110 Rotary Global Radio.

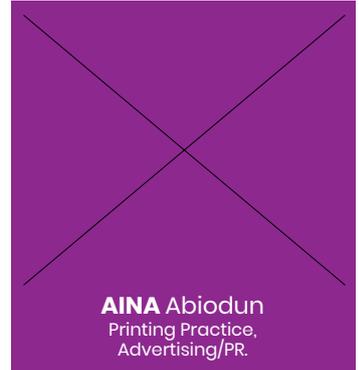
At our club level, we have held our first statutory Club Assembly on July 3. Thanks to our host, PAG Tayo Lawal and his family. May Allah replenish you many folds. The attendance was encouraging with our AG, Prof. Wasiu Babalola, present. 11 elders and Past presidents were also in attendance, with other members of the club, the Presidents of our newly chartered clubs of Isheri Golden and Alapere were also in attendance with some of their board members. The budget for the 2022/23 year was presented and dissected. The President and the Treasurer were asked to go and make amends in line with the observations and corrections and present on Wednesday for approval. The Planning Guide for Effective Rotary Club was also presented and lastly, the DG'S Workbook was also presented. The President was also advised to quickly go and make all the necessary amendments that were pointed out to be able to submit early copies to our AG.

Some of the other issues that were raised from the papers presented are: that our proposed contribution of \$47,800 to Rotary Foundation is too small and may not be acceptable to the DG during her visit to our club. So, TRF has to be jacked up. Also, DEWEF with proposed N1.5m contribution, was also considered too low to win any award from the current trend in the District. So, N5m minimum was suggested and agreed.

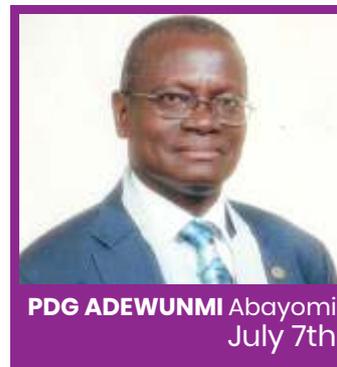
The president used the opportunity to set up a performance Review Committee, headed by PAG Lanre Kasim, and Akinwale Odutola as Secretary, with other members as PAG Wale Adegbite and PAG Tayo Adelaja. They are to use data from the District on performance of other clubs to evaluate the performance of our club and recommend to the board, areas of our activities that need improvements based on their findings. We humbly ask that this report be sent to the board through the president in 2 weeks, from Wednesday, 6th July.

It was also reported that we will be acquiring a public address system to improve on our virtual meetings. Thanks to the PE, Olubunmi Oguntade and all members who responded to her call for donation towards the Laptop the club has now. Our club will be play host to the DG on the 13th July. Her expectations from the club was discussed. The AG, personally assured that he will follow on the president. The details of the DG'S visit and preparations will be discussed at the first meeting of the year.

## MEMBERS CLASSIFICATION GROUP A MEDIA SERVICES



## JULY BIRTHDAY CELEBRANTS



## JULY SPOUSES BIRTHDAY CELEBRANT

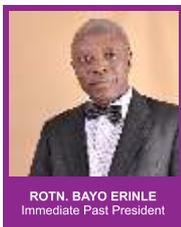
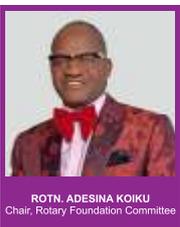
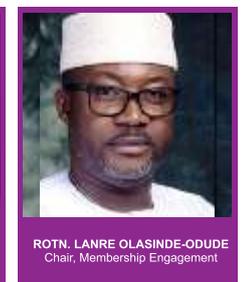
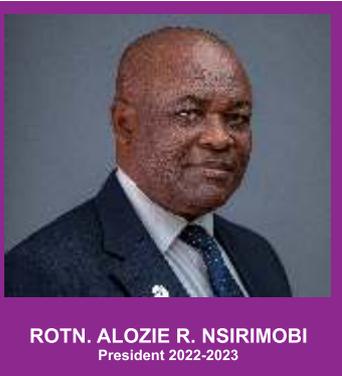
**ADENUGA-TAIWO Sola**  
(Funke) July 8th

## JULY WEDDING ANNIVERSARY



## The Imaginative

### Board Members of Rotary Club of Gbagada 2022-2023



## EDITOR'S CORNER



**A**s The Leadership Baton Passes On, Let's Imagine Together

### Happy New Year!

Welcome to a new Rotary Year. We are thankful to God for seeing us through the end of another Rotary Year as we sail through to another year from this July.

In Rotary, July is a time of new beginnings. It is a time to reassess, to envision; it is most importantly a time to set goals and to determine how we will serve our Communities, our Nation and the World, seizing opportunities for service.

Leadership in transition is complex, because there are many moving parts, just as when two athletes are passing the baton, it is a critical time in the race. A dropped baton can cost the team the race, but a successful pass keeps the team moving in the right direction towards the finish line.

In the ever-conquering Rotary Club of Gbagada, we are indeed in total compliance with the mentioned norms and we are happily savouring the mood of the season.

As yours sincerely is also taking the baton from my predecessor, I must specially commend the cool, calm and prolific brother, Rotarian Olutayo IRANTIOLA for whom I have so much respect.

In this edition, amongst the menu served are the educative personality interview with our Doyen, PDG Raji Adeniji mni, the profile of the new and first female District Governor of 9110, Rotarian Omotunde Lawson FCAI as well as other loaded content that will keep on broadening our Rotary knowledge and interest.

Let's enjoy it.

Yours in Rotary  
Wale JUNAID

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## IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Rotary Club of Gbagada will host the District Governor on the 13th July, 2022

### ACCOUNT DETAILS

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## RI PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



### 2022-23 presidential theme: Imagine Rotary

Rotary International President-elect Jennifer Jones wants members to imagine the possibilities in the change they can make to transform the world.

Jones, a member of the Rotary Club of Windsor-Roseland, Ontario, Canada, revealed the 2022-23 presidential theme, Imagine Rotary, as she urged people to dream big and harness their

connections and the power of Rotary to turn those dreams into reality.

"Imagine, a world that deserves our best," Jones told incoming district governors on 20 January, "where we get up each day knowing that we can make a difference."

Jones, who made history on 1 July by becoming Rotary's first female president, gave a live online address to precede Rotary's annual training event for district governors from around the world, the International Assembly. The assembly was rescheduled because of the COVID-19 pandemic and later held virtually between 7-14 February.

Jones told the incoming governors about a chance she took when a member asked for assistance in getting a young peace activist out of Afghanistan during the U.S. troop withdrawal last year.

At first unsure how she could help, she relied on "that certain Rotary magic" and contacted a former Rotary Peace Fellow she had met a few years earlier. Less than 24 hours later, the activist was on an evacuation list, and soon she was on her way to Europe.

### Engaging members through meaningful responsibility

To better engage members, Rotary needs to "adapt and retool," Jones said, using her hometown as an example. Windsor was once the automotive hub of Canada. But after plant closings left thousands without work, the city needed to retool, in the same way an auto plant would, preparing for new parts or a new model. Now, Jones said, Windsor is a leader in agribusiness and medical and aerospace technology.

For Rotary, "finding the right 'part' to engage each member should be our core function," Jones said. "It comes down to the comfort and care of our members."

Engaging members is crucial to retaining members, she said, adding that we need to ask members what they want to get from Rotary and give them meaningful responsibilities.

"It is our offer of hands-on service, personal growth, leadership

development, and lifelong friendships that creates purpose and passion," Jones said.

Imagine, a world that deserves our best where we get up each day knowing that we can make a difference.

Embracing change also means embracing new club models, Jones said, as she asked the incoming governors to form at least two new innovative or cause-based clubs during their term.

"Let's make sure we engage our members so they love their clubs and their Rotary experience," she added.

Jones also announced the appointment of a Rotaract member as a Rotary public image coordinator and said that she has included Rotaractors on several committees and will assign some Rotaractors as president's representatives.

"We have been entrusted with leadership in our great organization," Jones said. "Now it is up to us to be brave and intentional in our actions, and let others help us lead."

Jones noted that in the outgone year, Rotary had little time to achieve the RI Board of Directors' goal of having women make up 30% of Rotary's members by 2023. Rotary has achieved this in more than 110 countries, she said, but it has a long way to go. She pointed out that Rotaract has already achieved 50% female members.

To raise Rotary's profile, Jones plans to hold a global impact tour that will include talking with leaders about working together to address the world's most pressing challenges. "Rotary opens these doors and we need to harness our connections, to deepen these relationships and create new partnerships," Jones said. "And the best part is, this can happen at every level of leadership."

Jones closed her address by saying that although we all have dreams, acting on them is a choice we make. When an organization like Rotary dreams about big things like ending polio and creating peace, she said, it becomes our responsibility to make them happen. "You don't imagine yesterday," Jones said, "you imagine tomorrow."

## DC'S PROFILE



### MEET OUR NEW DISTRICT GOVERNOR

Mrs. Omotunde Olayinka Lawson is a seasoned educationist. She is a teacher with a difference and she has distinguished herself as a school administrator. She is the co-founder of The Christhill Schools based in Lagos.

Omotunde was born on June 3, 1957 in Ibadan, Oyo State. Her parents were the late Rev. Gabriel Ladokun Lasebikan (of SACOBA fame), a former

teacher, headmaster, supervisor of schools and Education Secretary in the old Western Nigeria Education Board and late Mrs. Grace Jokotade Lasebikan who was also a teacher.

She had her primary education at St Luke's Demonstration School, Ibadan from 1963 to 1968; her secondary education at Yejide Girls Grammar School, Ibadan between 1969 and 1973 and her tertiary education at the University of Ibadan where she graduated in 1979 with a Bachelor's degree in Teacher Education, Zoology and Botany (2nd Class, Upper Division). She has a Master's degree in Educational Foundations from the University of Lagos (1991).

She started her career as a Biology teacher in Lagos State and retired after 35 years of meritorious service with the Lagos State Ministry of Education. She spent 23 of those years as a Principal in various secondary schools in the state. She attended several local professional seminars and workshops as well as many international conferences across the globe while in the teaching service.

Her diligence and passion for hard work and excellence won her the following awards.

Grand Order of Teaching Excellence by Oba of Iganmu and Council of Chiefs (Nov. 1998), Meritorious Service Award by ANCOPSS Lagos State (Feb. 2005), Pragmatic Leader Award by NUT Amuwo-Odofin Branch (Nov. 2006), Best Principal Award (Senior) by Education District V (Feb. 2009), Lagos State Government 2007 Productivity Merit Award (Jan 2011), Most Dynamic State ANCOPSS President Award by Education District V (Apr. 2015), Merit Award As a Molder and Worthy Principal by NUT (Oct. 2015) and Lagos State Long Service Merit Award (June 2016).

She is a member of these professional bodies: Nigeria Union of Teachers (NUT), Science Teachers Association of Nigeria (STAN), Institute of Public Administration of Nigeria (IPAN) and All Nigeria Confederation of Principals of Secondary Schools (ANCOPSS). She is a fellow of the Institute for Corporate Administration (FICA).

In the course of her career, she served in the following capacities:

Secretary, ANCOPSS, Surulere Zone (1996–1999); Treasurer/Financial Secretary, Lagos State Principals Cup Committee (1999-2003); Financial Secretary, ANCOPSS, Lagos State (2000 – 2005); Chairman, Committee for the launch of N10million Amuwo Odofin Teachers' Welfare Scheme (2005); Member 1st Merit Award Committee, Education District V (2008); Member of Panel on Staff Promotion Interviews in Education District V (2005 – 2012); Chairman, ANCOPSS Amuwo Odofin Zone (2012-2014); President, All Nigerian Confederation of Principals of Secondary Schools (ANCOPSS) Lagos State (Nov. 2014 – Feb. 2017); Chairman, ANCOPSS South West BLOC (2016-Feb. 2017); Member, Amuwo – Odofin Local Government Disaster Management Committee (2013); Member, Governing Council of Adeniran Ogunsanya College of Education (Nov 2014 – Feb. 2017) and Member, State Wing Executive Council of N.U.T Lagos State (Nov. 2014 – Feb. 2017). She also served on many other committees at the Ministry of Education, Teachers' Establishment and Pensions Office and Education District V.

Within her 35 years in service, she attended over 50 local workshops, trainings and conferences. She also attended international conferences in the United Kingdom, Finland, South Africa, Ghana and Kenya.

She retired statutorily from the service of Lagos State Government in Feb. 2017. She was a totally committed teacher who nurtured and produced very successful students now working within Nigeria and abroad. She retired into private practice and is currently in partnership with her husband in the management of a leading private educational institution in Lagos State.

Her passion to serve humanity drove her into joining Rotary International and was inducted into Rotary Club of Lagos West, District 9110 on 15th September, 2007. She served diligently in different committees and finally became Club President for 2012-2013 Rotary year. She bagged the Best Club President award in Rotary International District 9110, Nigeria that year.

She has attended Rotary International conventions in California, USA (2009); Birmingham, United Kingdom (2010); Montreal, Canada (2011); Sydney, Australia (2014); Sao Paulo, Brazil (2015) to mention a few.

She is a life member of the Rotarian Action Group for Blindness Prevention. She is a Major Donor to the Rotary Foundation and also a benefactor. She is a Christian of the Catholic faith and a Jerusalem Pilgrim (JP). She is happily married to Mr. Francis Akingbade Lawson and both are blessed with very successful children and grandchildren.

## MINUTES OF MEETING

### MINUTES OF CLUB ASSEMBLY OF THE ROTARY CLUB OF GBAGADA, DISTRICT 9110 HELD ON 3RD JULY 2022 AT THE RESIDENCE OF PAG TAYO LAWAL

#### ATTENDANCE (Gbagada)

Alozie Nsirimobi, Bayo Erinle, Wahab Kamal, O'nezer Olanrewaju, Oluayemi Mosun, Basirat Giwa, Adedeji Adedoyin, Tayo Adelaja, Isola Ogunsola, Adeniyi Adekunle, Lanre Kassim, Bunmi Oguntade, Bamidele Ayodele, Yemi Lawal, Akinwale Odutola, Deinde Shoga, Wale Adegbite, Funmi Adegun, Oladapo Afikode, Capt. Ayeni, Abiodun Aina, Otunba Sola Adenuga, Olukayode Taiwo, Kunle Williams, Austine Orohundusi, Erica Chikwendu

#### ATTENDANCE (Isheri Golden)

Bamidele Ogunbanwo, Funmi Ipaye, Gbemi King, Osho Oluwakemi

#### ATTENDANCE (Alapere)

Femi Omotola, Awe Segun, Gbenro Ogundiya, Wande Emmanuel,

#### ATTENDANCE (Isolo)

Prof. Wasiu Babalola - Assistant Governor

The meeting commenced at exactly 4.35 pm

Rotary Grace: All members

#### 1. PRESIDENT'S INTRODUCTORY REMARK

The president welcomed everyone to the first Club Assembly in this rotary year. He explained the purpose of Club Assembly for the benefit of members of the new Chartered Clubs in our midst. He recognized the presence of Prof. Wasiu Babalola, the AG in charge of RC Gbagada. He also introduced the PDGs, PAGs, AGs in our midst and thereafter asked members in attendance to introduce themselves.

#### 2. 2022 – 2023 BUDGET

The Treasurer of the club, Austin Orohundusi was asked to present the 2022-2023 Rotary year Budget which was projected on the screen. Several observations, comments and amendments were made to the budget amongst which are:

Rotary Foundation: Income	-	N23,346,400
Expenditure	-	N22,146,400
Excess	-	N1,200,000

PAG Wale Adegbite commented that, every fund generated for Rotary Foundation should be expended without leaving any balance. The Treasurer agreed to amend as appropriate.

WASH project under Community Service: The sum of N2,500,000 was budgeted as income from the District to undertake the project while RC Gbagada is expected to add the sum of N1,000,000 for a total expenditure of N3,500,000

PAG Wale Adegbite commented that the District will issue a cheque for the total sum of N3,500,000 to RC Gbagada to undertake project.

Club Administration: Income	-	N32,948,392
Expenditure:-	-	N14,726,000

O'Nezer Lanre commented that the dues from anticipated 30 new members for the year were not budgeted for under income in the Members club dues of N12,060,000

DEWEF: Income	-	N1,500,000
Expenditure-	-	N1,500,000

PAG Wale Adegbite commented that the sum budgeted is too small in comparison to what the DG will be expecting from our club. It was suggested that it should be increased to N5,000,000 and Prof. Kayode Taiwo pledged a sum of N50,000

Other observations and comments were made, the Treasurer promised to make necessary corrections and amendments to the budget and forward to the platform on or before Wednesday fellowship meeting.

#### 3. REVIEW OF PLANNING GUIDE FOR 2022 – 2023 ROTARY YEAR

3.1 The President presented the Planning guide to members which comprises of all activities to be undertaken in this current Rotary year. Several comments and observations were made amongst which are:

3.2 PAG Tayo Adelaja emphasized for the benefit of the new chartered club, the importance of Planning guide as one of the important document to the DG when she visit the club.

3.3 Otunba Sola Adenuga-Taiwo commented on the importance of uploading the club planning guide for the year on Rotary Central as soon as possible and the need for regular review and update. This was also corroborated by PAG Wale Adegbite

3.4 AG Wasiu Babalola commented that our Rotary Foundation goal for the year of \$45,800 may be unacceptable considering our current membership of 134 and anticipated new members of 30. He believe we can do better by increasing our number of PHFs and at the same time source fund from external people that do not have time to join Rotary but have the fund to help humanities.

3.5 The president appreciated the effort of President Elect, Olubunmi Oguntade in assisting the club with the procurement of an HP Laptop to improve the quality of our online meetings.

3.6 The President also requested that there is need to compile the names of members on district or regional assignments in order to address them properly and take benefit of their positions in form of access to necessary and relevant information when the need arises.

3.7 PDG Deinde Shoga advised the President to conclude all necessary corrections and amendment to the Budget and create time to review it with AG Wasiu Babalola for his signature as soon as possible before the DG's visit.

3.8 The president responded that all corrections and amendments to both Budget and Planning guide will be done immediately.

#### 4. AOB

4.1 Prof. Kayode Taiwo advised us on the need to monitor and supervise the new chartered clubs so that they don't go into extinction as some of the previous ones chartered by RC Gbagada. The President responded that a schedule on visitation & monitoring is already created for the 2 new clubs (Isheri Golden and Alapere) but will include some of the old club for visitation.

4.2 PAG Lanre Kassim requested that member of the new chartered clubs be invited to join every of our trainings during this start up period in order to enrich their knowledge of Rotary

4.3 The President formed a committee to review the past performance of the club, members are:

PAG Lanre Kassim	-	Chairman
PAG Tayo Adelaja	-	Member
PAG Wale Adegbite	-	Member
PP Akinwale Odutola	-	Secretary

4.4 PAG Wale Adegbite advised that the President need to prepare a document containing the history of all the clubs chartered by RC Gbagada to date as part of documents for presentations to the DG on her visit to our club

4.5 PAG Tayo Adelaja commented on the dying tradition of singing Rotary songs in our fellowship and other events. He appealed to the president that subsequently, we should make it a point of duty to sing at least a song during the fellowship.

PAG Wale Adegbite was invited to appreciate our host, PAG Tayo Lawal and his spouse

**Secretary**



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## CLUB TRAINER'S PAGE

Rotary Fellowships are international groups that share a common passion. Being part of a fellowship is a fun way to make friends around the world, explore a hobby or profession, and enhance your Rotary

How do I join a fellowship?

Membership in a fellowship is open to any interested individual. You can contact a fellowship directly by using the links below.

How do I form a fellowship?

- Read this [Guide for Prospective Rotary Fellowships](#).
- Find others interested in the topic:
  - [Join a discussion group](#) or [start a new one](#). It's a great way to share your interest with other members.
  - Use Rotary's presence on [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#), and [LinkedIn](#) to promote your idea.
  - Attend the Rotary International Convention or other [Rotary events](#).
  - Reach out to district leadership in other countries to build membership.
- Apply for official recognition using this [online form](#).

### Rotary Action Groups

Rotary Action Groups are independent, Rotary-affiliated groups made up of people from around the world who are experts in a particular field, such as economic development, peace, addiction prevention, the environment, or water. Action groups offer their technical expertise and support to help clubs plan and implement projects to increase our impact, one of Rotary's strategic priorities. This support includes helping clubs find partners, funding, and other resources.

Action groups can also help clubs and districts prepare grant applications, conduct

community assessments, and develop plans to monitor and evaluate their projects. Read more about these activities in the Rotary Action Groups annual report

Anyone who wants to share their expertise to make a positive difference can join an action group. Only Rotarians, Rotaractors, and Rotary Peace Fellows can serve in leadership roles.

### Contact or join a Rotary Action Group

Contact a Rotary Action Group to:

Get expert advice on planning and implementing service projects, including those funded by Rotary Foundation district and global grants Connect with potential project partners, both within and outside of Rotary Get help fundraising and obtaining resources for projects

Join a Rotary Action Group to share your expertise and make a difference in projects outside your club or district.

To get involved, look at our directory and contact the action group you're interested in.

## THE HEADGIRL HITS PLATINUM



.....Toast to Aunty Bas.

She's everywhere.

This line from the stable of the legendary Percy Sledge, encapsulates her being.

At her age, you wonder at how she finds the energy.

Take a roll.

Baring her sabbatical, you can tick her off on most if not all of RC Gbagada events, formal, informal; corporate and personal. Even District. True to the Omo Eko that she is, she attends most, fully loaded. Sometimes, with her bevy of Gbagada Mayanas. Gerrit?

Let's rewind a bit.

During her Presidency, no one expected the trophy haul she made. Yes, most never saw it coming.

Obviously, the unorthodoxy in her DNA made not a few skeptical.

Unwavering in her convictions.

Firm, self-assertive and gutsy.

Articulate and highly methodical.

At her ascendancy, she was already on the geriatric turf. So concerns were mooted for her physicality.

Would she cope?

Fast forward to after.

Did she cope?

Against the backdrop of a Foweez koseleri Presidency that shattered the gender bias, Basirat Giwa's became the koseleri Presidency that demystified the barriers of age!

A sexagenarian.

A female - drubbing all other 120plus Clubs in the District, to thrust RC Gbagada onto its 14th Overall Best Club award!

Yes! Another first!

Say it loud, Basirat Giwa, was an Award Winning 35th President.

Wow! what fun we had.

Fondly called Aunty Bas, a pseudonym derived from her Secondary School days as a Head girl; this aura still permeates her personality and perspectives.

Profoundly dutiful, her commitment to objectives and tasks is reassuringly total.

It is an understatement to describe her as intelligent, organized, humane, friendly and approachable.

A good mixer and an alive person, Aunty Bas enlivens events and get-togethers with her resources.

Talk about the goodness of Rotary.

Next outing, check out her car trunk for the chillers and gifts!

The Omo Eko Ariya ethos.

Show me a Rotarian who's so empathetic and supportive, and I will give you a Dr. Basirat Giwa.

Her generosity is amazing!

As the We Care Champion in the 2020/2021 Rotary year, Aunty Bas donated ankara cloths as uniforms to all the groups for their

Birthday hosting.

All 100plus members!

Senior and young!

Aunty Bas is many things to many people.

She's that President who bankrolls courses for her Board Members, so they can be well grounded in Rotary knowledge, to serve Society better.

To some, she's that Headgirl, albeit motherly figure, to whom the Abikes, Pats, Debbies and Mosuns flock, trusting for counsel, inspiration, companionship and support.

To others a la Niyi, she is the adopted Rotarian mentor who acts as compass, navigation and a repository of invaluable knowledge. A pool of wisdom to drink from.

To some still, she's that exemplary Rotarian, who unexpectedly calls you up just to say hello; or pops up at your door with her surprise gift.

In all of these, the common thread is that Aunty Bas is that generous being, that Medic, the President who always had/has something to give either of herself, from her treasure, her clinic or from the trunk of her car!

Aunty Bas relates with the small, young, old and elderly. This, a testament to her humility.

But don't be taken in by that mien of gentility that she exudes.

Aunty Bas no gentle o!

She takes and gives no quarters.

Her tenacity, bends, only to superior opinion or perspectives.

If you can't afford the time, don't engage her in a talk. For her, it is a hobby.

Today, as you alight on the Seventh floor, we celebrate you.

For the love you radiate, we appreciate you.

For your selflessness, we commend you.

For being a rallying point for diverse many, we honour you.

As a consummate Rotarian, we salute your sagacity.

For the innumerable support to my elegant stallion, Debbie, we say, merci.

Seventy sure looks good on you.

An evening out with Egbon Gafar; and the revelation that it runs in the gene.

So onto the next floors -80, 90, 100, till the Lord calls.

Remember, when you forget your phone in the kitchen or in your bag and you go searching for it in the room, just laugh it off. You are only living your age!

It is a privilege to become a Senior Citizen!

Welcome to the Club of the Septuagenarians.

Happy Birthday,

Rotarian Dr., PP, Basirat Giwa.

May God's graces, mercies and abundant sound health abound in you today and beyond.

Congratulations.

Ladi TAIWO

## PERSONALITY INTERVIEW



**E**ngineer Adeniji Raji mni, no doubt is an epitome of service. He is an household name in Nigeria and Internationally from professional excellence to humanitarian services. He is a selfless philanthropist and a community-service icon.

In this Chat with Gbagada Express: the Weekly Bulletin of Rotary Club of Gbagada, Doyen Raji Adeniji did not only go down memory lane on why and how July became the beginning of Rotary year but also touched on many important issues of importance to Rotarians worldwide.

Excerpts.

**Gbagada Express: Can we meet you sir?**

ENGR. ADENIJI RAJI mni

Engr. Adeniji Raji was born on July 10, 1941 to the family of Alhaji Adeniyi Alao Raji and Alhaja Seliat Raji of Imalefalafia Quarters, Kajola Local Government Okeho, Oyo State.

Adeniji Raji is a Chartered Engineer, a Fellow of the Institute of Electrical & Technology Engineers (UK), Member of the Nigerian Society of Engineers And Member National Institute(mni).

I was Director of Engineering at the defunct NiGERIAN EXTERNAL ELECOMMUNICATIONS LTD from 1976-1983

From 1983, I have been the Managing Director and Co-founder of BTN (NIG) LTD, a company representing British Telecommunications in Nigeria. I am Chairman of Raden Investments Limited, a property development company, and Principal Partner in RAAD System Engineers, a consulting Electrical/Electronic Engineering Firm.

I have been a Rotarian since 1984 as a charter member of the Rotary Club Of Gbagada and served as its President in 1988-89

I served District 9110 as Chair, Group study Exchange, District Conference, District Rotary Foundation, District Educational and Welfare Fund also the first donor to DEWEF with N25, 000 in 1992 and with my wife Lara donated N2, 000, 000 as LARADE Named Fund to sponsor annually one Engineering student , Chair, District Strategic Planning Committee, District Training Committee and District International Service and representative to the Council on Legislation (Rotary Parliament). I was instrumental to the establishment of a District office which has culminated in today's ROTARY CENTER and the commencement of District Record Keeping since 1997-98

I have served Rotary International in various capacities, District Governor D9110 Nigeria 1997-98. Task force on Training and Education, Member, Osaka Convention Committee 2003 - 2004, Convention Promotion Committee for Montreal and Salt Lake City. National Advisor Major Gifts. I also served as Assistant Regional Rotary Foundation Coordinator 2013-2016 . I represented Rotary International President at the Conference of D9220 in Mombasa Kenya.

As District Governor, I established the WE CARE programme to improve membership recruitment, and engagement and to address the personal needs of Rotarians, their families and visitors to Rotary meetings. The programme is still alive and helpful as a caring tool. I received the Rotary Foundation highest Award "Citation for Distinguished Service" Award in 2006.

\*Gbagada Express:

Recently you were bestowed with the highest award that Rotary International bestows on any individual Rotarian; "Service above self", what does this award mean to you and what message do you want to use the award to pass?\*

Service Above Self Award is the Rotary International highest honor that recognizes Rotarians who demonstrate Rotary's motto, Service Above Self, by volunteering their time and talents to help others. The award is internationally competitive, and is granted to no more than 150 Rotarians worldwide annually. I believe the award is a recognition of my contribution not only to Rotary but to Society at large and it serves as an impetus to other Rotarians in our club and our District. Only 5 other Rotarians have received the award in our District including PDG Deinde Shoga.

**Gbagada Express: Rotary has monthly theme that depicts the area of focus for each month, for July it is "Transition Month"; can you enlighten Rotarians on the significant of this theme for July?**

July is the time when Rotary reinvents itself.

## PERSONALITY INTERVIEW

Rotary has designated monthly themes to help clubs develop meeting agendas, projects or public image campaigns based on these special occasions/theme.

Transition for Rotary is a means of preserving our core values, while we approach challenges in new and different ways. July is also designated as Leadership Transition Month when new leaders take over in Clubs, Districts, Zones and Rotary International. It may interest members why the Rotary Year begins 1 July.

Ever wonder why 1st July is the beginning of the Rotary year?

Initially, our conventions played a key role in determining the start date of our fiscal and administrative year.

Rotary's first fiscal year began the day after the first convention ended, on 18 August 1910. The 1911-12 fiscal year also related to the convention, beginning with the first day of the 1911 convention on 21 August.

The next August, the Board of Directors ordered an audit of the International Association of Rotary Clubs' finances. The auditors recommended that the organization end its fiscal year on 30 June to give the secretary and treasurer time to prepare a financial statement for the convention and board, and to determine the proper number of club delegates to the convention.

The executive committee agreed and, in April 1913, designated 30 June as the end of the fiscal year. This also allowed for changes to the schedule for reporting club membership and payments.

Rotary continued to hold its annual conventions in July or August until 1917. Delegates to the 1916 event in Cincinnati, Ohio, USA, approved a resolution to hold future conventions in June, mainly because of the heat in cities where most of them occurred. The next one was held 17-21 June in Atlanta, Georgia.

The term "Rotary year" has been used to signify Rotary's annual administrative period since at least 1913.

Since the executive committee's decision in 1913, the end of the Rotary year has remained 30 June.

### **Gbagada Express:**

What is your general comment about Rotary Club of Gbagada?

It has been a privilege to be a member, Rotary club of Gbagada.

The club has grown in leaps and bounds not only in membership but in stature.

Starting with a charter membership of 25 in 1984, we have grown today to 135.

We have gained recognition as the best club in our District 15times, a great feat by any reckoning.

Our fellowship and service activities are unparalleled .

However time changes and we have to abide by them. With the predominance of younger people in the club, some of our traditions have to be whittled down to accommodate the preferences and attitudes of the younger generation. For instance, dress code has been modified. In our earlier days formal dressing was our code, full National dress or suit and tie, but today we make changes to abide with the times.

Gbagada Rotary club remains an enigma. A club that boasts of 5 Past District Governors and very eminent Rotarians in its fold remains an inspiration to many clubs. Up-to-date, Gbagada has sponsored many new Rotary, Rotaract, Interact and Rotakid clubs.

We must not rest on our oars. Leadership is a challenge. We must continue to improve our fellowship, attendance, Rotary knowledge and participation in projects and services to maintain our leadership position in the District. We must continue to be an example of leadership in the district,

Long live Gbagada vive le Rotary

## ROTARY ENCYCLOPEDIA

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

### ROTARY MONTHLY THEMES HAVE CHANGED!

Are you aware that Rotary International has updated the monthly themes to reflect the areas of focus? Here is a chart of the old and new monthly themes during the Rotary Year (July – June).

This gives you more flexibility to develop your schedule of programs.

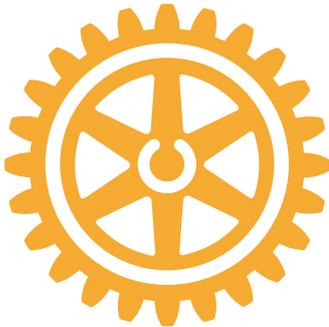


### ROTARY ACTION PLAN

As People of Action, it is understood that fulfilling vision requires a plan.

More than a century ago, a new model of service leadership grounded in person-to-person connections was pioneered. Today, those connections are a network that spans the globe—bridging cultural, linguistic, generational, and geographic barriers—and shares the vision of a better world.

The Rotary's Action Plan through 2024 is to increase our impact, expand our reach, enhance participant engagement, and increase our ability to adapt.



**TOGETHER, WE SEE A WORLD WHERE PEOPLE UNITE AND TAKE ACTION TO CREATE LASTING CHANGE — ACROSS THE GLOBE, IN OUR COMMUNITIES, AND IN OURSELVES.**

### PRIORITY

# 1

### INCREASE OUR IMPACT

### People of action are effective problem-solvers.

Why do Rotarians achieve so much? We invest in relationships. We make decisions grounded in evidence. We know how to mobilize our networks to create solutions that last. And we're always learning from our experiences in projects, clubs, and careers.

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CLUB ASSEMBLY AT PAG TAYO LAWAL'S RESIDENCE



The Imaginative President, Sir, Alozie R. Nsirimobi and our club's AG, Prof. Wasiu Babalola at the 1st Club Assembly of the club. 3rd July 2022

PP. BASIRAT GIWA'S 70TH BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION



## STEPPING DOWN

### JOKES FOR THE WEEK

#### HAVING ALL THE EQUIPMENT...

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

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

"Reading a book" she replies.

"You're in a Restricted Fishing Area" he informs her.

"I'm sorry, officer, but I'm not fishing, I'm reading".

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

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

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

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

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

#### JOB TALK...

It is common practice to expect new Rotarians to give a talk to their fellows about themselves, their early life, their training and the job that they do. This is called a "Job Talk" by some and "The Man Behind the Badge" by others.

Later in Rotary life the Rotarian is often expected to fill the speaker diary by giving a talk which is NOT connected with his work. A hobby such as stamp collecting or model trains would be a good example.

My story recounts the time when Fred arrived at the meeting of his Rotary club to be reminded that he was the speaker for the evening and this was not a "Job Talk".

He had forgotten and was not prepared. He sat at the top table, beside the Chairman for the evening, and thought about a subject during the meal.

When he was announced he spoke about sex. The meeting listened to every word and asked many questions. It was a success.

When he arrived home, Mary his wife, asked "How was Rotary?".

"It was a good meeting" he said.

"What was for dinner?" she asked.

"Beef, and it was good" he answered.

"Who was the speaker?" she continued.

"I was" he replied.

"What did you speak about?"

Now he can see trouble looming!

"Sailing" he lied.

The next morning Mary was shopping in the town and visited the butcher who was also a Rotarian.

"Fred gave a wonderful talk last night." he said.

"Yes" said Mary, "but I don't understand why he chose the subject. The first time he did it he was sick and the second time his hat blew off".

# Essential tips for discerning business people on TV

## SCHEDULE OF WEEKLY BROADCASTS

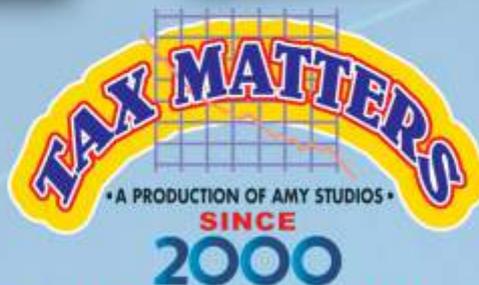
DAY OF THE WEEK	STATION	TIME OF TRANSMISSION
TUESDAY	CHANNELS TV DSTV-Channel 420 GOTV-Channel 48	4.30pm- 5.00pm
TUESDAY	LIBERTY TV	6:30pm-7:00pm
TUESDAY	NTA Minna	7.30pm - 8:00pm
TUESDAY	NTA Port Harcourt	7:30pm - 8:00pm
TUESDAY	NTA Maiduguri	7:30pm - 8:00pm
TUESDAY	NTA Jos	7:30pm - 8:00pm
WEDNESDAY	NTA Kaduna	7:30pm - 8:00pm
THURSDAY	TVC-News NIGERIA DSTV - Channel 418 GOTV - Channel 45	6:30pm - 7:00pm
THURSDAY	NTA Enugu	6:30pm - 7:00pm
THURSDAY	NTA Kano	7:30pm-8:00pm
THURSDAY	NTA News 24 DSTV-Channel 419 GOTV-Channel 46	7:30pm - 8:00pm
FRIDAY	NTA Aba	7:30pm - 8:00pm
FRIDAY	WONDERLAND TV TSTV-Channel 372 FREE TO AIR	8:30pm - 9:00pm
MONDAY	NTA Ibadan	7:30pm - 8.00pm

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