

newsletter

SEPTEMBER 2026

WORD FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear Fellow Rotarians and Friends,

Warm greetings to you all from the Capital of Texas in Austin! It is my absolute joy and privilege to welcome you to the very first edition of our Rotary E-Club of East Africa newsletter.

We are celebrating an incredible milestone as we embark on our second year together. From a vision, we have grown into a vibrant global community of 53 dedicated members, including many of our passionate charter members. Our diversity continues to be our strength, and we are proud of the unique perspectives each member brings to our virtual table. As we look ahead to this new Rotary year, our focus is on deepening our engagement and expanding our horizon. To guide our journey, we have set a few key collective milestones:

Vibrant Fellowship: We aim to increase our meeting attendance from 60% to 75% by introducing highly engaging activities and securing dynamic speakers who align with monthly Rotary themes and our club's immediate needs.

Club Growth: We are looking to welcome at least 4 new members into our family, ensuring we cultivate a deeply involved, active, and connected membership base.

Foundation & Legacy: We plan to kickstart our Paul Harris Fellow (PHF) legacy with at least 1–2 new PHFs and 3 sustaining members. Amplifying Our Voice: Through our Public Relations Officer, we are launching a vibrant new website, this very newsletter, and active social media channels to better tell our story.

Projects: Our commitment to service remains unshakeable. We will proudly continue our impactful year-one initiatives—including USSSU, Namalere Seniors, Sanyu Babies Home, and our supported orphanage—while launching our new Integrated Maternal Health and Livelihoods project for the Butaleja District.

Everything we do this year directly aligns with the broader Rotary Action Plan. Together, we will Increase Our Impact through better project outcomes, Expand Our Reach by welcoming diverse voices, Enhance Participant Engagement through personal development, and Increase Our Ability to Adapt by fostering innovation within our e-club model.

Thank you for your dedication, your hands-on service, and your unwavering Rotary spirit. Let us make this second year truly unforgettable.
Yours in Rotary Service,

Betty Wakou,

President, Rotary E-Club of East Africa



CLUB MEETINGS

We meet every
Saturday at 6PM
(East African Time).

Zoom Meeting ID:
819 0623 1200
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BUDDY GROUPS

 **UK** buddy group led by
Rtn Christine Magona

 **Tanzania** buddy group
(the Sea Shells) led by
Rtn Ayeta Wangusa.

 **Canada** buddy group
led by Rtn Jennifer
Njenga.

 **Uganda** buddy group
led by Rtn Dr Christine
Kadama.

 **USA (East & Central)**
Umoja buddy group
led by Rtn Samuel
Muwanguzi.

 **USA (West, North &
Washington State)**
Impact buddy group
by Rtn Jackie Namata.

CLUB NEWS



We celebrated our 1st year of existence on 14th March 2026. Our Charter President is Grace Mulondo.



We had our 2nd Presidential installation on 27th June 2026 and were honored to have DGE Aisha as our chief guest.



We hosted TRF Trustee Rtn Tusu on 1st August 2026 and he spoke to us about “A journey of self-transformation”, from being a rotary club member to being a Rotarian.

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PROJECTS IN 1ST YEAR OF EXISTENCE –

- Tree planting project (April & May 2025) in Dar es Salaam Tanzania and Eastern Uganda.
- A season of Care Hamper Project (December 2025) in Manafwa District, eastern Uganda.
- Seasonal Hamper packages for 25 elderly persons (Dec. 2025) at Namalere, Kampala
- Sanyu Babies Home (Dec 2025)
- Visit to an orphanage in Kampala by California buddy group.(Dec 2025)

OUR PARTNERS

- Trees For The Future – Mbale, Uganda
- Mt Elgon Tree Growing Enterprise
- Universal Seniors Social Services Uganda (USSSU)
- Twiga cement- Dar es Salaam, Tz
- Malkia Choice FM – Tanzania
- Next Media (NBS) – Uganda

- Tree Planting Project (Dar es Salaam): Implemented in partnership with Rotary Club of Sunset Dar es Salaam.
- We planted fruit and shade trees in three primary schools in Dar es salaam; Oysterbay primary school, Kinondoni district, Mbezi Juu primary school, Kinondoni District and Charambe primary school, Temeke District.
- Tree Planting Project: Bukigai Helath Centre III and Bikigai Primary School both in Bududa District. Nabbongo SS and Nabbongo Primary School Bulambuli Districts, Eastern Uganda. NBS Media covered activities in all locations (schools and health centers).
- Season of Care Hamper Project and Seasonal Hamper Packages: NBS Media covered both activities both in Manafwa and Namalere, Kampala.
- Sanyu Babies Home: NBS Media covered it.
- Visit to an orphanage in Kampala by the California buddy group.



Akoth of Small Hands Big Change with the Tz Buddy group members.

Projects in 2026



Rtn Dorice Wamono, Rtn Ayeta, PDG Agnes Batengas, Rtn Miriam Zalwango and Rtn Valerie Killimbe

Easter donation to Sanyu Babies Home – many club members were engaged but it was led by the Umoja buddy group in California

Tree Planting in Dar es Salaam by Tz Buddy Group also known as Sea Shells at Kipera primary school and Kiyombo Primary school both located in Kitunda Temeke District. This was done in collaboration with Small hands Big Change and Twiga Cement as our partners who donated the trees and Malkia Choice FM as our media partner.

Tz Buddy group is leading the club's involvement in the WASH project in Dar es Salaam Schools that is being implemented by many Dar es Salaam clubs.

Buddy Groups Fellowship Highlights

Our Buddy Groups have had the wonderful opportunity to host at least one Club Fellowship each month, creating meaningful opportunities for members to connect, engage and strengthen fellowship across the Club.

The California/Washington and Canada Buddy Groups will be hosting their fellowships soon, and we look forward to sharing these upcoming highlights with the Club.

Each Buddy Group has also brought its own special touch to the fellowship, featuring either a special guest, an inspiring topic, or a special project that the group has been working on together.

The fellowship calendar so far has included:

- Umoja (USA, East & Central) Buddy Group – March
- Impact (Uganda) Buddy Group – April
- Sea Shells, Tz Buddy Group – May
- United Kingdom/Ghana/Gambia Buddy Group – June

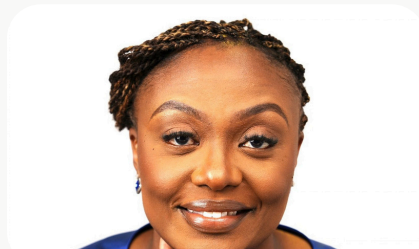


PROFESSIONAL SPOTLIGHT, NATURE & FUN

In this issue, the spotlight shines on the Sea Shells – Tz Buddy Group, as we celebrate their fellowship, activities and contribution to the Club.



Director General Emeritus, ITSO (2025); DG & CEO, ITSO (2017–2025); Founding Executive Director, UCC; Founding Managing Director, Uganda Telecom.



Dr Jennifer Njenga author of The Divide; Becoming a Global Health Physician.



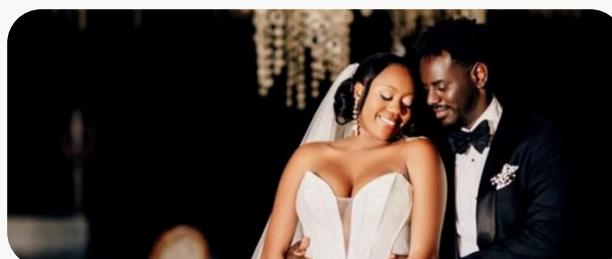
Rtn Dr Patrick Kadama, Rtn Richard Mungati and Rtn Elizabeth Kyeyune in Zanzibar



Rtn Christine Magona, SAA Rtn Walter Mulondo, PDG Agnes Batengas, CP Grace Mulondo and Rtn Maery Mungati.



Three beautiful madrones with their red barks. English ivy climbing up a tree trunk. A gorgeous crepe Myrtle tree with pink blooms. Pic and note by Rtn Brenda Nassaka.



Our honorary member, PDG Agnes Batengas's daughter Amy and her husband Joseph on their wedding day in Zanzibar. Our club was well represented



Club members and friends of the club celebrating the 91st birthday of Rtn Edward Seth Mungati.

