

Cosmo Wheels

Weekly Bulletin of the
Rotary Club of P.H. Cosmopolitan

BASIC EDUCATION & LITERACY MONTH

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Rotary Club of Port Harcourt Cosmopolitan District 9141, Nigeria. Chartered August 8, 2017



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President Rotary Int'l
2021-2022



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2021-2022



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2021/2022

Meets: Thursday, Time: 1pm at Faraah Coffee Lounge, 37A Aba Road Port Harcourt.

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BRING ONE**



SERVE TO CHANGE LIVES



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Order of Proceedings

1. Call to Order
2. Rotary Prayer
3. Rotary Grace
4. Rotary Reminders
5. Introductions: PH Cosmopolitans, Guest, Rotaractors and Visiting Rotarians
6. Sing Song
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8. President's Time
9. Sergeant-At-Arms
10. Loyal Toast
11. Closing



Rotary Prayer

Inspire Rotarians Lord we ask
To live as we profess
To dignify our daily task
And serve in selflessness

For fellowship which here we share
We offer thanks to thee
We pray that it will be our care
To spread it bounteously

Rotary Grace

O Lord and giver of all good
We thank you for our daily food
May Rotary friends and Rotary ways
Help us to serve thee all our days



**Ahunna H.
Alaribe-Ogbonda**
President, 2021/2022
RC PH Cosmopolitan

Fellow Cosmopolitans!

It's been a whirlwind of activities as we rounded off August.

Our 5th Installation came and went with lots of lovely memories.

Shortly after, Rotary International President Shekhar Mehta, visited our district. Our club was among the few clubs that participated in the projects commissioned on that historic visit and we had some of our members play very prominent roles that made the trip a success.

So far, I am pleased to inform the house that we have achieved 8 significant projects this Rotary year and yet to do even more impactful ones in the weeks ahead.

As usual, I call on all Cosmopolitans to be willing and available when called upon.

Our visit to David Bassey would have even been more beautiful than it turned out if more persons had turned up.

In the next few days, we will roll out details on our Genotype Test & Sickle Cell Awareness Campaign at Orogbum Community.

The month of October is another month to look forward to as it affords the entire club, the rare opportunity of meeting up socially. Let's not miss it.

Our meeting time has reverted to 1pm having tried it out as agreed for the greater part of this quarter.

Here's to a very fruitful September month.

Yours in Service

Rtn AH Alaribe-Ogbonda
President



Rotary International
President's Message September

Shekhar Mehta
President, 2021/2022
Rotary International

I am sure you are having an enriching experience as you Serve to Change Lives. One of the ways you can make the greatest change in a person's life is to help them learn to read. Literacy opens up the world to us. It makes us better informed about life in our own communities and opens vistas to other cultures. Reading and writing connects people and gives us another way to express our love for one another.

September is Basic Education and Literacy Month in Rotary. Enhancing literacy skills is critical in our pursuit of reducing poverty, improving health, and promoting peace. In fact, if all students in low-income countries left school with basic reading skills, it would result in a significant cut in global poverty rates.

Without education, illiterate children become illiterate adults. Today, 14 percent of the world's adult population-762 million people- lack basic reading and writing skills. Two-thirds of that group are women. Literacy and numeracy skills are essential to obtaining better housing, health care, and jobs over a lifetime.

Especially for girls and women, literacy can be a life-or-death issue. If all girls completed their primary education, there would be far fewer maternal deaths. And a child is more likely to survive past age 5 if he or she is born to a mother who can read. Improving outcomes for more people worldwide is possible only if countries remove barriers to education for girls. The economic argument for doing so is clear: In some countries where schooling is geared toward boys, the cost of missed economic opportunity is more than \$1 billion per year.

Empowering people through education is among the boldest goals we have as Rotarians. We don't have to travel far from our homes to encounter those whose lives are being curtailed because they struggle with reading, rely on others to read for them, or cannot write anything more than their own name.

Starting this month, consider how your club can Serve to Change Lives through literacy: Support local organizations that offer free programs to support adult literacy or local language learning, or that provide teachers with professional development centered around reading and writing. Become literacy mentors, or work with an organization like the Global Partnership for Education to increase learning opportunities for children around the world. Have conversations with local schools and libraries to see how your club can support their existing programs or help create needed ones in your community.

In India, the TEACH program, a successful collaboration between the country's Rotary clubs and its government, has demonstrated how to scale up literacy efforts to reach millions of children. And at a time when schools across India were closed due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the program's e-learning component reached more than 100 million children through national television.

Literacy is the first step out of poverty. As Nobel laureate Malala Yousafzai has noted, “One child, one teacher, one book, and one pen can change the world.



Trustee Chair's Message For September, 2021



John F. Germ
Trustee Chair
2021/2022

Malala Yousafzai is a young Pakistani activist for the education of girls and women. As a teenager, Malala, whom the world knows by her first name, courageously spoke out for the rights of girls to learn. Extremists in her country disagreed with Malala, and she was shot by a Taliban gunman on her way home from school. But the attack didn't dissuade her; it made her more determined. As soon as she recuperated, she resumed her mission of education activism. Today the Malala Fund supports education through projects around the world.

Not only is Malala an inspiration for Rotary members, we also have some commonalities: a drive to do what is right, a passion for literacy, and the power to transform dreams into reality.

One of my life mottos is: If you can dream it, you can do it. This applies to everything Rotarians do, particularly with The Rotary Foundation. We literally make our dreams happen.

Like Malala, we know that literacy is, for many, the first step out of poverty. To put our vision into action, we first understand a community and the unique problems of its members, and then form a partnership with them. Next we join forces with others—exchanging ideas with clubs in other districts, and working with people and organizations outside of Rotary.

Our solution, in the form of a district grant or global grant, will be tailored for that community. And if it's a Rotary grant, you can bet it will be well-planned, strategic, and most of all, sustainable. We want that gift of literacy to not be a one-time book donation but a plan to transform a community over time.

Over the years, I have seen countless literacy efforts in Rotary, from national programs to local projects.. When the global COVID-19 pandemic hit last year, many clubs took action to help communities adjust to online schooling, including providing laptop computers. Rotary's solutions are endless, our volunteers tireless. And if I know Rotarians, I know that more solutions are being created as I write these words.

Rotary's passion for literacy and education projects is well-known. So is our commitment to make them happen. You, through Rotary, are a big part of helping people take their first step out of illiteracy, out of poverty, and into something much better. Remember, if you can dream it, you can do it — just like Malala.



District Governor's September 2021 Message

Eyone Andy Uwejeyan District Governor 2021/2022 **Rotary District 9141**

I warmly welcome you to the month of September, the 3rd month in the Rotary year tagged the ***"BASIC EDUCATION AND LITERACY MONTH"***.

It has been a period of some ups and downs for the District; details of which I will share with you shortly.

This last month I had the very unpleasant experience of announcing the death of four prominent members of our dear district amongst whom were ***Rtn Sylvester Azukeago Obiekea***, the Consolidator President of the Rotary Club of Sapele GRA, ***Rtn Somuyiwa Olugbenga*** of the Rotary Club of Port Harcourt Airfield, ***Rtn Pius Mamadu*** of the Rotary Club of Warri, ***Rtn Blessing Ideh*** of the Rotary Club of Effurun GRA, ***Rtn Charles Akhigbe***, an Assistant Governor for Zone 5 and ***Rtn Becky Idodo*** of the Rotary club of Ovwian.

It was the most difficult moment of my life as a Rotarian announcing these deaths within a space of few days apart as they occurred. These great men and woman served Rotary to the best of their abilities but died when their families, Communities and Rotary needed them most. Let's keep the bereaved families in our thoughts and prayers and constantly reach out to them as members of the Rotary family.

Now my dear friends, some good news.

The month of August was Membership and New Clubs extension month and I am excited to announce to you all that we have added over 437 Rotarians to the family, ***the Rotary Club of Rumuogba Golden*** chartered by the Rotary Club of Trans Amadi, the ***Rotary Club of Bonsac Asaba*** jointly chartered by the Rotary clubs of Asaba, Asaba East and Asaba GRA and the ***Rotaract Club of Yenagoa Prestige*** by the Rotary Club of Yenagoa Sunshine in addition to the Rotary Club of Rumuomasi that chartered in July by the Rotary club of Port Harcourt Central, all of these were achieved just within 60 days into the 365 days of the Rotary year.

Dear friends, my mind cannot

contain the excitement of what is to come and I am grateful to the Consolidator Presidents, the District Membership Chair Tony Olikagu, the Assistant Regional Coordinator PDG Nze Anizor and the entire consolidator Rotarians for their efforts in making this possible.

Many thanks to the District training team headed by Past District Governor Charles Onianwa, the Host Organizing Committee Chairman Chris Ojeke for successfully hosting the Public Image and Membership Development Seminars on the 13th and 14th days of August, 2021 in Warri Delta State. The evidence of the results of the seminars can be seen in our membership recruitment, retention and engagement and also in our positive public image engagement and branding of organization by the District Public Image team headed by Rtn Kelechi Ekezie and the Assistant Rotary Public Image coordinator PAG Ibim Semenitari.

Again, at the just concluded Rotary Institute held in Yaoundé, our District got lots of recognition for membership growth and contribution to the Rotary Foundation in the last Rotary year, and on this note, I congratulate Past District Governor Virginia Major and the Transformer Team for making this possible. I also want to appreciate the District Chair Promotion for the Institute Rtn Francisca Okonkwo for the excellent execution of her responsibility and every Rotarian who participated at the Rotary Institute for the Impressive turnout.

My official club visits commenced on the 26th day of July, 2021 and so far over 70 clubs have been covered with more to go. It has been a wonderful but daunting experience meeting up and touching base with my fellow Rotarians while sharing my vision for the District in line with Rotary International vision and exchanging ideas on how to strengthen clubs, execute life changing projects in our communities and encouraging everyone to strive for club's healthy growth and vibrancy. Every club is unique with its own culture while conforming to the Rotary International Manual of Procedure. It has been a beautiful learning experience for me and I am grateful for this opportunity.

In the words of Nobel Prize Laureate Malala Yousafzai: "One Child, one teacher, one pen and one book can change the world"

As we all know, Basic Education is essential for reducing poverty, improving health, promoting peace and resolving conflicts, encouraging economic and Communities development. Illiteracy among adults and children is a global concern in both highly industrialized and developing Countries. The tragedy of illiteracy is that those who cannot read are denied personal Independence and they become victims of unscrupulous manipulation, poverty and loss of human dignity.

As Rotarians, we have been challenged to empower people through Education, consider how your clubs can serve to change lives through literacy especially for girls and women. My dear friends, no matter what we do in this month of September, let us not forget the words of BENJAMIN FRANKLIN which says _*"An Investment in knowledge pays the best interest"*_ I cannot wait to see you all in Port Harcourt as we roll out the carpets to welcome the Change maker Rotary International President Shekhar and his wife Rashi Mehta to Port Harcourt.

Dear friends, stay well, safe and protected, get vaccinated against Covid 19 and tell others too! I wish you well my dear friends as we continue our Rotary Journey.

Eyone Andy Uwejean
Governor



**HIGHLIGHTS OF THE 5TH
INSTALLATION CEREMONY
OF RC PORT HARCOURT
COSMOPOLITAN-29/08/21**



COSMOPOLITANS AT THE POST-INSTALLATION MOP UP



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COSMOPOLITANS AT THE GUEST FELLOWSHIP OF RC OF REBISI.



**SEPTEMBER 3RD, 2021 - VISIT OF ROTARY INTERNATIONAL
PRESIDENT MEKHA SHEKHAR TO D9141:
PROJECTS COMMISSIONING.**



FREE CERVICAL CANCER SCREENING & VACCINATION



**WORLD LITERACY DAY-8TH SEPTEMBER, 2021. JOINT FELLOWSHIP BETWEEN
THE INTERACT CLUB OF DAVID BASSEY CHILDREN'S HOME, EAGLE ISLAND &
RC PORT HARCOURT COSMOPOLITAN.**



Members & Classifications

1. Name: AH Alaribe-Ogbonda
Classification: Procurements/ Installation
2. Name: Abiye Membere
Classification: Oil & Gas
3. Name: Chinwike Onwuchekwa
Classification: Media/Advertising
4. Name: Sarah Ogah-Aduwari
Classification: Education/NGO
5. Name: Edward Pepple
Classification: Corporate Legal Practice
6. Name: Dolapo Tella Attoni
Classification: Litigation Law
7. Name: Ibiba Omotoso
Classification: Merchandise Trading
8. Name: Tamunoibim Semenitari
Classification: Strategic Communication
9. Name: Tamunomie Nyengidiki
Classification: Gynaecology
10. Name: Iyene Amapakabo
Classification: Pilot
11. Name: Ifeoma Ifejika
Classification: Interior Design
12. Name: Innocent Iyalla Harry
Classification: Micro Funds Management
13. Name: Iwo Edward Pepple
Classification: Media & Publishing
14. Name: Izobe Spiff
Classification: Event Consultancy
15. Name: Siki Mac-Barango
Classification: Event Management
16. Name: Steady Idisi
Classification: Fitness Trainer
17. Name: Yvonne Iwo Brown
Classification: Accountancy
18. Name: Isaac Omagbemi
Classification: Accounting
19. Name: Nguavese Aminu
Classification: Educational Consultancy
20. Name: Stella Fubara-Obinwa
Classification: Tourism
21. Name: Tubonye Clement Harry
Classification: Genitourinary & HIV Medicine
22. Name: Victor Alele
Classification: Business Development
23. Name: Gogo Charles
Classification: Investment Banker
24. Name: Onimim Elekima Karibo
Classification: Chef
25. Name: Louis Ejindu Kalu
Classification:
26. Name: Christopher Horsfall
Classification: Engineering
27. Name: Happiness Elliott
Classification: Mixologist
28. Name: Koko Bassey Crusto
Classification: Social Work
29. Name: Chike Chuku
Classification: Architect
30. Name: Adonye Chi Neka Mpi
Classification: IT/Logistics
31. Name: Joe Ehoru
Classification: Real Estate
32. Name: Mayolein MacDonald
Classification: Petroleum/ Subsea Engineering
33. Name: Nina Ejims
Classification: Project/ Programmes Specialist
34. Name: Camilus Asiafia
Classification: Contracts
35. Name: Nneka Bissong
Classification: Clothier
36. Name: Chinedu Iloabachie
Classification: Engineering
37. Name: Christie Gbaraba
Classification: Hotelier



Basic Education & Literacy Month

EMPOWERMENT THROUGH LITERACY: If there is one factor more than any other that distinguishes the haves from the have-nots, either in your community or between countries, it is literacy. Illiterate families are locked in the poverty cycle and have little hope of breaking free. Countries with low levels of literacy cannot compete and fall further and further behind, and ultimately, the frustrations spill over into wars.....For those of us who can read this interview, it is hard to realize how crippling illiteracy must be and how difficult it is to survive without the knowledge we gain from the written word.--
-BILL BOYD PAST RI DIRECTOR & PAST CHAIRMAN RI LITERACY COMMITTEE (A CANDID CONVERSATION) THE ROTARIAN, OCTOBER 2002.



September Birthdays

September 18 - Christopher Horsfall

September 26 - Louis Ejindu Kalu

Club Projects for September

BASIC EDUCATION & LITERACY

- 1) World Literacy Day Celebration with Interact Club of David Bassey Children's Home.
- 2) Disease Prevention & Treatment
 - Free Genotype Testing & Sickle Cell Awareness Counseling for 200 persons.
- 3) Vocational Service
 - Preparation of the room for the equipping of the proposed Vocational Center at Special School, Borokiri Port Harcourt.
- 4) To furnish the Children's Library at the David Bassey with a desktop Computer, Printer and reading furniture.

Announcements

-All Club Meet-October 24th

-Payment of annual dues and Installation levy are in progress.

Please pay to:
Rotary Club of Port Harcourt Cosmopolitan
Bank: **FCMB**
Acct: **8087438012**





IMPORTANT INFORMATION TO EVERYONE

CORONA VIRUS DISEASE 2019 (COVID-19) Summary of Phase 2 First Dose COVID-19 vaccination activities in Rivers State.



UNVACCINATED?

Serious infections and deaths from COVID-19 infections have started to increase again. Records show that mainly UNVACCINATED people in Rivers State are getting this serious infection leading to hospital admissions and probably death. We can halt this by getting the COVID vaccination.



MODERNA VACCINE

Vaccination has commenced in Rivers State with the MODERNA vaccine at designated centers. It is given in 2 doses, four weeks apart. This vaccine is for only unvaccinated individuals over 18 years old. Let's all go and get vaccinated.

1. The State received 81,816 doses of Moderna vaccines from NPHCDA via a chartered flight on Wednesday 18th August 2021. The Hon Commissioner of Health and his entourage received the vaccines on behalf of the State.

2. Vaccination activities commenced on Thursday 19th August 2021 at designated centers in the State (RSPHCMB, RSMOH, RSUTH, UPTH, Government House Clinic, Obio/Akpor Council, and Port Harcourt city council).



DANGER

You are only endangering your life and your loved ones if you collect the green card without getting vaccinated. Be warned.



FREE AND SAFE

The vaccine is free and safe. Observing all Covid protocols and getting vaccinated is the only way to end this pandemic.

3. All LGAs will commence vaccination activities on Monday 23rd August 2021, though due to the delicate nature of the vaccines, activities will be restricted to areas demand has been generated.

4. A total of 150 persons were vaccinated on 19/08/2021 using 13 vials of the Moderna vaccine and 477 persons vaccinated on 20/08/2021 using 36 vials of the same vaccine.

For more info, call: 09057106835, 08025483633

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Vaccination Centres

- 1) All Primary Health Care Centres in the 23 Local Government Areas of Rivers State.
- 2) Special Centres
 - Government House Clinic
 - R/S Ministry of Health
 - Rivers State Primary Health Care Board
 - University of Port Harcourt Teaching Hospital
 - Rivers State University Teaching Hospital