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NEWS BULLETIN JANUARY 2003
Year of the 50th Anniversary



On 13th December 2002 The Rotary Club of Ndola Donated a wide range of paediatric medicines and food supplements plus US\$ 400 to Mr. Edwin Yamba of Society for HIV Negative (SHINE).

The donation was a result of a smart partnership with Case Western Reserve University and Liberty Medical Center of Ohio in the USA.

Above PADG NG Patel who coordinated the partnership presents the Gifts to Mr. Yamba of SHINE while PE Avits (centre) looks on.

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WELCOME TO
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The RI District 9210 Assembly and Conference is around the corner.

May 15 - 18

Rotarians do you remember our commitment to ten delegates minimum? The members of the board-elect have no choice on this one. Please start packing your bags for the...

City of Kings.

January
Membership 30
Attendance 85%

DATES DATES DATES !!!!

Birthdays

1st January	PP Suresh Datta Ann Linda Ambrose Ann Caroline Mwanza
18th January	Rtn Robert Horn

We wish you many more returns

Rtn. Sundresh Amigan - I t was nice to have you back after an operation in RSA and a bereavement in the family. We missed you lots!

Rtn. Emmanuel Chenga - Congratulations for being re-elected as treasurer for the 2003-04 Board. Sorry your name was left out in the last bulletin.

THANKS TO OUR GUEST SPEAKERS

- 10th January - Mr. Fackson U. Shamenda (UNI Africa) - On World's Labour Movement
- 17th January - Mr. Joas Chihanga (SMALL FARM RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT CENTER) - On Environment, Agriculture and Aquaponics.
- 24th January - Mr. Emmanuel Kunda (TDRC) - on The Neem Tree and its products.

2003 - 2004 RI THEME UNVEILED

At The International Assembly, held at the Anaheim Hilton and Towers, California, USA, from 26 January 2003 to 2nd February 2003, the RI President-elect Jonathan Majiyagbe unveiled the RI theme for 2003-2004 Rotary year - Lend a Hand.



Lend a Hand

Welcoming 1,329 people from 78 countries including 529 incoming District Governors, Majiyagbe declared his theme, calling it “simple and straightforward, expressing the natural impulse that all Rotarians feel when they come face to face with human need”.

Outlining his four areas of focus for the year - poverty, health, literacy and the family of Rotary - the President-elect said. “we will Lend a Hand to alleviate poverty, educate the illiterate, and relieve the scourge of disease, and [we will] Lend a Hand of fellowship to all the family of Rotary”, he said.

Citing the outstanding relief efforts of Rotarians to natural disasters, Majiyagbe said, “Hunger, poverty, disease, poor health - these are the disasters that have befallen millions and we must reach out and pull them to safety with the same sense of urgency that we would pull someone out of raging floodwaters”.

The president-elect asked the audience to remember why they first joined a Rotary club. “We have all asked ourselves , ‘what can one person do?’ In Rotary we never have to be one person. We are 1.2 million who believe that suffering does not have to part of the human condition”, he said.

Throughout his speech Majiyagbe used the metaphor of the “family of Rotary”, saying that such a family “provides a haven where we can gather the strength and encouragement to face the challenges of the world”. To promote an atmosphere of warmth and caring within the club, he plans to ask every club to form a Family of Rotary Committee in 2003-04.

At this “Rotary’s University” the president-elect also touched upon the highlights for the 2003-04 year - the eve of the Rotary Centennial celebration - including the graduation of the first class of Rotary World Peace Scholars, the 2004 Council on Legislation, and the launch of the Twin Clubs Project, part of centennial celebration that will help clubs expand their humanitarian reach to another part of the world.

He went on to urge the audience to stay focused on Polio Plus. “Twenty years ago, we made a solemn promise - today and in the coming months, we must honour our word”, he said.



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FEBRUARY - WORLD UNDERSTANDING MONTH Milestones in the Rotary peace movement

- 1911** First Rotary clubs outside of North America are established in Ireland (Dublin and Belfast).
- 1914** Houston convention adopts resolution calling for an international peace conference.
- 1917** President Arch Klumph proposes endowment "for doing good in the world" that becomes The Rotary Foundation.
- 1922** Los Angeles convention approves addition of peace to Object of Rotary.
- 1923** U.S. President Warren G. Harding, a Rotarian, addresses St. Louis convention, saying a club in every community would "guarantee the tranquility and the forward march of the world."
- 1932** Chaco War between Bolivia and Paraguay begins; Rotarians stage large effort to help prisoners.
- 1939** The Rotarian publishes first of 160 peace articles by notable personalities such as Mohandas K. Gandhi and George Bernard Shaw.
- 1940** Havana convention adopts resolution stating that Rotary cannot function where "respect for human rights" does not exist.
- 1942** Rotary peace-planning conference in London serves as precursor to UNESCO.
- 1945** Rotarians help draft UN charter in San Francisco.
- 1965** The Rotary Foundation launches Matching Grants and Group Study Exchange programs.
- 1980** In wake of border tensions between Argentina and Chile, RI President James Bomar assembles group of Rotarians from both countries at his President's Conference of Goodwill in Montevideo, Uruguay.
- 1981** Rotary Award for World Understanding and Peace is established.
- 1985** Rotary announces PolioPlus.
- 1989** Rotary clubs are chartered in Budapest, Hungary, and Warsaw, Poland, for first time in nearly 50 years.
- 1990** Rotary Club of Moscow is chartered.
- 1999** Rotary Centers for International Studies in peace and conflict resolution are established.
- 2002** First class of 70 Rotary World Peace Scholars begins study at Rotary Centers.

CALENDAR FOR FEBRUARY

14th February	Family fellowship - Valentine Day
19th February	Committee meetings
21st—23rd February	President's Conference, Nairobi, Kenya
23rd February	World's Understanding Day
	50th Anniversary of The Rotary Club of Ndola
26th February	Board meeting
28th February	Club Assembly

We wish you a Happy Valentine and a Happy Family Day

ROTARY CLUB OF NDOLA DONATES TO "SHINE"

The Society for HIV Negative (SHINE) was registered on 3rd September 2001 and is a valuable means of supporting one another and developing dialogue with other interested groups in search for ways of wiping out HIV and AIDS from our planet.

In carrying out these objectives the society aims to be used as a vehicle of goodwill and fellowship to promote peace and progress and share practical experiences and knowledge on HIV and AIDS. It is common knowledge that 12 million people in Southern Africa will die of AIDS before 2010. The society's concern is to assist the poor and people at risk, infected or affected by the pandemic.

The organization vouches to promote and encourage community participation and initiatives in taking active measures towards HIV and AIDS and self help schemes through: dissemination of information, acquisition of HIV testing equipment and distribution of drugs and food.

Appalled by the afore said, PADG N.G. Patel on his visit to the USA late last year, he arranged a partnership with the Liberty Medical Center in Painesville, Ohio and The Euclid Medical Office Plaza in Euclid, Ohio and landed with a 45kg. Cargo containing assorted medical supplies and food supplements plus two US\$ 200 cheques which were handed over to the "SHINE" Chairman Mr. Edwin Yamba at a 13 December 2002 luncheon meeting.

Our sincere thanks to Dr. Hurkidale Sundaresh of Case Western Reserve University for the medicines and the food supplements, Dr Mahesh P. Patel and Taru for the US\$400 donation and our PADG N.G. Patel for coordinating the donations and their safe delivery to Ndola.

AWARENESS

A famous Viennese surgeon told his students that a surgeon needed two gifts: Freedom from Nausea and the power of observation. He then dipped a finger into some nauseating liquid and licked it, requesting each of the students to do the same. They steeled themselves to it and managed it without flinching.

With a smile the surgeon then said: Gentlemen, I congratulate you on having past the first test. But not, unfortunately, the second, for not one of you noticed that the finger I licked was not the finger I dipped into the liquid.

Courtesy of Rtn. Chanda Chibeka

DID YOU KNOW THAT...

Cupid (or Amor), the child-like winged deity armed with a bow and arrows, often associated with our modern Valentine's day, is the son of Venus, the Roman goddess of love?

And that in Greek mythology Cupid is known as Eros and Aphrodite's son Eros, the god of fertility? And that Cupid's brother Anteros is the avenger of unrequited love or the opposer of love?

If a man is:

- Not handsome at 20,
- Not strong at 30
- Not rich at 40
- Not wise at 50
- And not barking at everybody at 80

Then he will never be or do?

Consult Rtn. Chenga for details.

GANDHI REMEMBERED

It was January 30, 1948 when a Hindu fanatic lodged three bullets into Mahondas Karamchand Gandhi's towering mortal being, ending the life of a saint and a politician who proclaimed the power of love, peace, freedom and religious tolerance. The assassin pulled the trigger at point-blank blaming the *Maha Atma* (the great soul) for not hating Moslems.

But how could he have hated Moslems when he sought God and not orthodoxy? His daily prayer mixed traditional Hindu venerations, with Buddhist chants, readings from the Koran, a Zoroastrian verse or two and the Christian hymn *lead, kindly light*. That eclectism reflected his great tolerance for all religions, one of his holiest and least respected precept; as he failed to persuade India's warring religious sects to agree. His spiritual mentors were just as broad – Jesus, Buddha, Socrates, his mother.

While studying law in England he first read the Bible and the Bhagavad Gita, the Hindu religious poem that became his spiritual dictionary. It taught him to renounce personal desires and devotion to the service of mankind (above self). In the Christian New Testament he found the stirrings of passive resistance in the words of the Sermon on the Mount. His public life was ruled by these principles: *Satyagraha* or force of Truth and *ahimsa* or non-violence.

In 1893, Gandhi at 23, arrived in South Africa to practice law. Traveling to Johannesburg in a first class train compartment, he was ordered to move to the "coloured" cars in the rear. When he refused he was hauled off the train and left to spend a freezing night at the station. The next morning he was humiliated and cuffed by a white driver of the stage coach. This head on collision with apartheid steered him to flee South Africa but his inner resistance appalled a sense of mission. For the next 22 years he stayed on to redeem the dignity of the racially exploited, to pave way for the liberation of the colonized the world over and to develop a blueprint for a new social order.

His passionate non-violent activism, and willingness to accept punishment for civil disobedience were lessons learnt by Martin Luther King Jr., Nelson Mandela, Hung San Suu Kyi, Dr. Kenneth Kaunda, and Mwalimu Julius Nyerere to name but a few.

In 1906 confronting the government's move to fingerprint all Indians, Gandhi countered with a new idea – "passive resistance". He wrote, "Indians will stagger

humanity without shedding a drop of blood". South Africa became but a dress rehearsal for the *Bapuji's* (Father of The Nation) cause, the independence of India.

At 45 he arrived back home and dedicated himself to "*Hind Swaraj*" – the Indian self-rule which made the British tremble.

He quickly became a commanding figure of the movement and brooked no challenge to his ultimate leadership. The force of his convictions transformed the Indian National Congress from upper class movement to mass crusade. Though Gandhi had not been elected into office and represented no government, the British started negotiating with him.

World war II changed the scope of the struggle. Pressurized by other politicians, in 1942 Gandhi reluctantly endorsed the Quit India plan, calling on London for the independence of India "before dawn if it could be had". His subsequent arrest and jailing flared riots and revolt which left 1 000 people dead until when Gandhi was released on May 5, 1944 at the age of 74.

As the British let India go on August 15, 1947, Gandhi's greatest triumph turned into his defeat as India gained freedom but lost unity when the British simultaneously created a Moslem state of Pakistan. Instead of celebrating Gandhi turned to fasting and prayer.

The exhausting character and the greater than life achievements of this martyr of passive resistance were rightly summarized by Nelson Mandela as follows; "At the time when Freud was liberating sex, Gandhi was reining it in; when Marx was pitting worker against capitalist, Gandhi was reconciling them; when the dominant European thought had dropped God and soul out of the social reckoning, he was centralizing society in God and soul; at the time when the colonized had ceased to think and control, he dared to think and control; and when the ideologies of the colonized had virtually disappeared, he revived them and empowered them with a potency that liberated and redeemed".

At 78, when he was violently removed from this world he had transcended into the state of *maha atma* – the great soul.

To me Gandhi was a consummate politician, a man who put his belief in altruism above any personal considerations. I was convinced too that his devotion to the cause of nonviolence was the only way to conduct politics.

The Dalai Lama

