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The Rotary Club of Ndola honoured the Foundation month of November by contributing US\$1 000 to RIF towards the eradication of Polio campaign. The money was raised through sale of advertisement space in the monthly bulletins. Special thanks go to the business houses for their advertisements and a donor who prints the bulletin at no cost to the club. Above the President Elect Dr. Avits Nsongo handing the cash to ADG Sherry Coleman while holding a copy of the October bulletin.





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Let's face it - English is a crazy language.

By Mr. Cephas Katongo

There is no egg in eggplant, nor ham in hamburger; neither apple or pine in pineapple. English muffins weren't invented in England, and French fries aren't French. Sweetmeats are candies while sweetbreads, which aren't sweet, are meat.

We take English for granted. But if we explore its paradoxes, we find that quicksand can work slowly, boxing rings are square, and a guinea pig is neither from Guinea, nor is it a pig. And why is it that writers write, but fingers don't fing, grocers don't groce, and hammers don't ham? If the plural of tooth is teeth, why isn't the plural of booth beeth?

One goose, 2 geese; so, one moose, 2 meese? One index, 2 indices? One mouse, two mice, so why is the plural of house not hices?

Doesn't it seem crazy that you can make amends, but not one amend? If you have a bunch of odds and ends, and get rid of all but one of them, what do you call it? If teachers taught, why didn't preachers praught? If a vegetarian eats vegetables, what does a humanitarian eat? Sometimes I think all the English speakers should be committed to an asylum for the verbally insane. In what language do people recite at a play, and play at a recital? We ship by truck and send cargo by ship? We have noses that run and feet that smell? You have to marvel at the unique lunacy of a language in which your house can burn up as it burns down, in which you fill in a form by filling it out, and in which an alarm goes off by going on.

A LETTER FROM A SLAMMER

By Kin. Dr. John Bahana

An old man lived alone in Miami. He wanted to spade his potato garden, but it was very hard work. His only son, who would have helped him, was in prison.

The old man wrote a letter to his son and mentioned his predicament:

"Dear Son: I am feeling pretty bad, because it looks like I won't be able to plant my potato garden this year. I hate to miss doing the garden, because your mother always loved planting time. I'm just getting too old to be digging up a garden plot. If you were here, all my troubles would be over. I know you would dig the plot for me if you weren't in prison. Love, Dad"

Shortly, the old man received this telegram, "For HEAVEN'S SAKE, Dad, don't dig up the garden! That's where I buried the GUNS!"

At 4 a.m. the next morning, a dozen FBI agents, along with local Miami police officers, showed up and dug up the entire garden without finding any guns. Confused, the old man wrote another note to his son telling him what happened, and asking him what to do next.

His son's reply: "Go ahead and plant your potatoes, Dad. It's the best I could do for you at this time."

ORGANIZING A NEW CLUB

The protracted debate on the formation of a New Rotary Club in Ndola famously known as a "third club" was peacefully concluded when ADG Sherry Coleman and the District Trainer PADG Patrick Coleman visited our club during the Friday 29th November 2002 luncheon meeting and explained clearly the steps to follow until the charter of a new club.

There are three steps to follow and the emphasis was that step one has to precede step 2 which inevitably has to be followed by step 3. It was discovered that the misunderstanding of procedure was the main cause of procrastination.

The following are the steps to follow.

Step 1: Complete the Organization of New Club Survey (Extension Survey).

This survey assists the governor in determining if a community can support a Rotary Club. Signed by the District Governor and the surveyor, it also provides information about possible sponsor club(s) and the name of the new club special representative. It includes: Name and description of locality, population, economic outlook, principal industries, activities and institutions, Other service organizations, former Rotarians, possible meeting places, people who might form the basis for a new club and their occupations, and number of Rotary Clubs in the same locality.

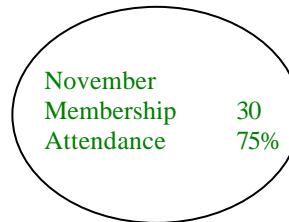
Step 2: Complete the New Club Sponsor Form (if applicable).

An existing club with a minimum membership of 25 agrees to mentor, guide and sponsor a new Rotary Club. Organizing a new club does not require a sponsor club (especially in non Rotary countries), though it is highly recommended.

Step 3: Complete the New Club Application Form.

A new club commits to fulfilling its obligations as a member of RI. The form includes a charter member list and signatures of the club president and secretary, the DG's special representative and the DG also sign endorsing the club's admission and verifying club compliance with RI constitutional documents and Board policies.

Membership and extension



DECEMBER CALENDAR

- 1 December:** World's Aids Day: to officiate at Fiwale Hills Hospital.
- 13 December:** Gift exchange fellowship
- 19 December:** Carols by candlelight.
- 20 December:** Elections
- 21 December:** RoTree Africa launch
- 25 December:** Gifts presentation to Arthur Davison Children's Hospital.



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30 November 2002

The Rotary Foundation, (PolioPlus)
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Dear Duane,

Enclosed please find a check in the amount of US\$1,000 on behalf of The Rotary Club of Ndola (ID#17300). This Club is designating their contribution specifically for Polio in fulfillment of their promise to DG Phil Whitehead of District 9210. This Club worked hard to raise this amount of money through selling advertising space in their monthly bulletin and thus designated all income towards the fight against Polio. This afternoon I was invited for an official handover of their contribution for forwarding on to your office. Please credit this Club with their designated amount for Polio Eradication.

We trust a letter of acknowledgment will be sent to the Club for their marvelous work on behalf of The Rotary Foundation. Please address the letter to:

The Rotary Club of Ndola
 Dr. Avits Nsongo
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Thank you for your continued work on our behalf!

In Rotary Service,

ADG Sherry I. Coleman
 Treasurer, Zambia
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THE UNFINISHED SYMPHONY
Polio Eradication Fundraising Campaign Information
Fulfilling Our Promise: Eradicate Polio

In 1985, Rotary launched PolioPlus, one of the most ambitious humanitarian programs ever undertaken by a private-sector organization. PolioPlus was the catalyst for the World Health Assembly's resolution in 1988 to eradicate polio. Today, thanks to Rotary's US\$500 million commitment and its leadership in mobilizing volunteers, the world is on the threshold of eradicating the poliovirus.

Great progress has been made. Fewer than 10 countries still have polio. The number of cases worldwide has decreased 99 percent since 1985. The greatest obstacle to victory is adequate funding. A \$275 million shortfall must be overcome in the period 2002-05.

For this reason, the RI Board of Directors and the Trustees of The Rotary Foundation have unanimously decided to launch a one-year campaign to help fill the funding gap. The campaign seeks \$80 million in cash and pledges during the period 1 July 2002 through 30 June 2003. (Pledges may be paid over a three-year period.)

The money is needed for vaccine and its delivery through National Immunization Days, and surveillance systems needed to identify remaining pockets of the disease.

Up to \$25 million of contributions to the campaign will be matched by the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation. The World Bank will provide further support.

Each Rotary club is requested to set its own campaign goal. Many plan community fundraisers to help reach the goal. As of mid-August, contributions exceed \$5 million. Approximately 35,000 Rotarians are engaged in the campaign leadership team.

THE ROTARY CLUB OF NORWA TOASTS

The Rotary club of Norwa, District 9710, chartered in April 1935, is located on the South Coast of the state of New South Wales, two hours drive south of Sidney in Australia.

In their quest to promote International Peace and Good will, on Wednesday 23rd October 2002 they proposed a toast to the health and future success of our club and its members, and look forward to welcoming any of our members as a visitor to their club should the opportunity present itself.



We wish to reciprocate by wishing the Rotary Club of Norwa and President George Szymoniczek (Email: lamond@shaol.net.au) good health and prosperity in the service of mankind.

WHO IS A LAWYER?

The lawyer has always been misunderstood by the general public. Most people think of a lawyer as a clever person trained and experienced in defending criminals (upon being paid exorbitant fees) who are better off being in prison instead of mixing with innocent unsuspecting citizens. This is far from the truth.

THE WORK LAWYERS DO

A lawyer's work involves a lot more than defending so called criminals in Court and his work includes the following:

1. Maintaining books of accounts for his office and his clients
2. Attending to commercial transactions involving clients and preparing relevant documents relating thereto.
3. Attending to sale of immovable property on behalf of clients and preparing Deeds (conveyancing)
4. Preparing Wills and attending to Probate and Succession matters.
5. Attending to domestic relations e.g. divorce and property sharing
6. Attending to civil cases in Court.
7. Through the Law Association of Zambia assisting in formulation of new laws and amending and repealing bad and outdated laws.
8. Debt collecting for clients.
9. Rendering various Legal opinions
10. A lawyer with additional training can also be a Mediator and or Arbitrator and can help resolve disputes. This assists in decongesting our courts which are always inundated with cases which take rather long to dispose of.

For all the work lawyers do, they are entitled to charge a fee for professional services rendered. Most of the work is charged according to the time spent on attendances and is regulated by the law as per scale of charges contained in each relevant Statutory Instrument e.g. the Legal Practitioners Costs Order S.I. No. 9 of 2001 which deals with civil matters following commencement of Court proceedings. Everyone is free to challenge a lawyer's fee under our laws. If you feel you have been overcharged, you are at liberty to ask your lawyer to tax his bill so that an independent arbiter (the court) can decide what is the correct amount for you to pay.

DO LAWYERS DEFEND AND PROTECT CRIMINALS?

It is wrong to say lawyers defend and protect criminals. The highest law in Zambia is the Republican Constitution which creates the state and Government of Zambia and defines the three organs of Government namely, the Executive, Legislature and Judiciary and how they relate to each other. The Constitution also creates the highest office in the land – that of President of the Republic. It also provides that every person who is charged with any offence shall be presumed innocent until proved guilty by a competent tribunal namely a Court of law. This law was made by the Legislature or Parliament. Parliament also passed the law to the effect that it is for the Executive through the prosecutor to prove by relevant evidence that the person charged or suspect did commit the offence as charged. It will then be for the Judiciary through the presiding Judge to find any person so charged innocent or guilty. Upon the Court passing the verdict of guilty, the person then becomes a criminal and not before. The different roles of the three organs of government is one example of the principle of separation of powers and independence of each organ from the others.

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In terms of our laws any convicted person in our magistrates court has a right of Appeal to the High Court and if still not satisfied to the Supreme Court which is the highest Court in Zambia. And until the Appeal is heard and determined by the Court, any convicted person will still be entitled to his rights as guaranteed by the constitution, except for convictions for Murder, Aggravated Robbery and Treason for which the Court imposes custodial sentences and are not bailable.

Whether or not a person charged with an offence has admitted to his lawyer that he committed the offence is immaterial in the eyes of the constitution. The constitution guarantees every person the right of legal representation by a lawyer of his own choice and where one is unable to afford a lawyer the law provides that the state will provide such person a lawyer at state expense through the Department of Legal Aid. It is not for the defence lawyer to prove his client innocent or guilty. That is the task of the prosecution. The defence lawyer's role is to check whether the evidence produced by the prosecutor is strong enough. The burden of proof is on prosecution and the standard of proof is very high – beyond all reasonable doubt. If the prosecution fail in discharging their burden of proof and meeting the standard, it is for the defence to point this out to the Court.

The law also provides that an accused person in a case or the parties in a civil matter are entitled to a fair trial. This means the general public or interested persons like journalists are not allowed to comment any how and publish opinions regarding an on going case or the evidence being presented. Until the case is concluded with the Court passing Judgment, the matter is subjudice and cannot be commented on except by way of publishing facts as they are presented in Court. Any opinion or comment that has a tendency to influence the proceedings or cast aspersions on the accused or parties as the case is being heard is tantamount to contempt of Court for which the offender can be fined or sent to prison. This is the way our justice system operates and the lawyers always have to ensure that justice is done as provided for under our laws.

CONCLUSION

From the above brief resume, it is therefore clear that a lawyer is more than just a person who defends suspects. He is an important ingredient of our every day life who is essential and not easily dispensable. We would therefore be better advised to seek a lawyer's counsel or opinion (at a reasonable fee of course as a lawyer is not a charitable organization). You are better off paying K1 million to a lawyer for an opinion than paying K10 million or more to another person for taking a gamble and acting wrongly without seeking legal advice. In the end you will find that it was worth your while as doing otherwise may plunge you into more serious problems which you may regret. Please be advised.

By **ROTARIAN BERNARD M. KANG'OMBE**
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The Neem Tree, *Azadirachta indica* (A Juss) is a member of the mahogany family meliaceae, believed to have originated in Assam and Burma. The exact origin is however uncertain, some say it is native to the whole of the Indian Subcontinent, while others say it is from only the dry forest areas throughout all of the south and south-east Asia, including Pakistan, Sri-Lanka, Malaysia, Indonesia and Thailand.

Neem, in Sanskrit meaning something akin to “the health-maker”, was introduced to Africa through the Northern part of the then Gold Coast, now Ghana sometime between 1919 and 1927 from India by the Colonial Governor, late Brigadier-General Sir Frederick Gordon Guggisberg. He brought some seed from India, which he planted as shade and ornamental trees in the dry North. From there it is believed to have spread to other West-African countries including Nigeria and the Sahel regions.

Today Neem is well established in at least 70 countries worldwide including Zambia. However, Neem promotion and awareness became more prominent in 1994 through a project funded by the Government of Finland and UNEP. The project was undertaken by International Centre of Insect Physiology and Ecology (Icipe) Kenya and it was spearheaded by then Dr R C Saxena from 1994 to 1998. Through this project more than 500 people have been trained on How to Grow and use Neem, among them are Agricultural trainers, Foresters, Health workers, Teachers, Researchers, Environmentalists, Journalists and representatives of NGOs. Neem tree is widely used as pesticide and medicine. It is easy to grow and maintain it requires annual rainfall of 400 -1200 mm, temperature between 15°C and 30°C, it fares well even in poor soil of pH between 5 and 7.5. Neem is an evergreen fast -grower tree, can reach the height of 25m 2.5m in girth with attractive crown spread more than 10m across. It is easily propagated mainly through seedling, by root suckers, and by stem cutting. Fruiting begins in three to 5 years, fruit yield range from 30 to 100 Kg per tree depending on rainfall and soil type

Since ancient time people of India have looked to Neem to provide relief from pain, fever, and other infectious diseases. They have also used Neem for agriculture as pest control; they have named the tree as [the village pharmacy]. In recent years scientists have shown a great interest and have discovered that Neem tree has more than 100 bioactive chemical compound of these at least nine limonoids have been isolated mainly from the leaves, bark and the seed, but the most important bioactive chemical is Azadirachtin from the seed, it is said to be so effective that no insect will go near a plant protected by it. To get the best result from the seed, Neem seed should be crushed or pounded in a motor or mill .At village level machinery like decorticator, seed /kernel crusher pulverizes can be used for producing Neem cake powder (fertilizer) and oil. This powder can be mixed with inert material such as saw dust, rice hulls or dry clay and spray on the plant. A book entitled Neem - A tree for solving Global problems edited by professor Heinrich Schmutterer shows that up to 200 harmful insect are repelled or die after ingesting active Neem substance. In India and Australia farmers apply Neem cake powder as fertilizer for cash crop such as sugarcane ,maize, wheat, rice and vegetables, it contains high levels of nitrogen, phosphorous, potassium, calcium and magnesium (vyas, 1996).It has also been shown by(ziba M.M. 1995) that Neem products act on the aquatic stages of mosquitoes. According to the Ayurveda science of health and healing, Professor Vaidya Suresh Chaturvedi noted that Neem is able to provide medicine for over 40 diseases most from seed, oil, leaves, roots, and the bark. This can be used as general antiseptic, anti-microbial treatment for urinary disorders, bronchitis, skin diseases, septic sores, malaria, and diabetes just to mention few. Moreover by planting Neem tree on large scale will reduce soil erosion and temperature; these will certainly improve the declining ecosystems hence restore biodiversity and reforestation.

Neem is now world widely used; geographical distribution shows that Asia is the largest user of Neem products. India alone has registered 40 various formulated pesticide oil and press cake. Africa, Togo, Benin, Kenya, Senegal, Mauritania and Egypt produce Neem for both domestic and commercial use. The Caribbean (central America), Dominican Republic, Costa Rica), Nicaragua and Cuba produce Neem for export. Industrialized countries, USA, Canada, New Zealand, Australia, Germany, Israel, Sweden, Spain and Portugal to mention a few Imports and export Neem as either raw material or finished products.

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Germany is currently the greatest market producer of Neem products for veterinary use. These industrialized countries are able to produce various products from Neem seeds ranges from antiseptic soap, shampoo, grease, lamp oil, pesticide, candles, animal feed and medicine.

In Zambia Neem tree are being propagated in Siavonga, at family farm in Magoye, at Nanga farm in Mazabuka and in eastern province, Chipata. In Ndola Copperbelt, Neem was introduced in 1998 for first time and these trees are not more than 30. Despite these Neem tree being small geographical climate has shown that the trees will grow and thrive favorably. What is required is to continue with Neem awareness programs, enhance Neem tree planting, identify and involve policy makers, encourage and convince the community and donor funding agencies to invest in Neem production. These will help to build strong base for the future Neem industries and other research activities for ourselves and for the generation to come. Although Neem tree production and industries are thriving in many countries not at present in Zambia. Therefore, there is an urgent need to plant more Neem trees, no wonder this tree is being called a tree to solve global problems.

The writer is a Research Assistant at Tropical Diseases Research Centre, Ndola.

RoTree Project

FRUIT TREES FOR THE CHILDREN'S HOME



On Friday the 29th November in the afternoon, our club members took time off and visited The Buseko Children's Home in Vitanda Street in Ndola and planted 8 fruit trees in the yard, after which a bag of Soya based nutritional formula was donated to the Home.

The home keeps orphans employs about 20 widows and receives 20 kgs sugar every month from our club and two medical visits monthly.

Overwhelmed with joy, the children took turns to say thank you to the Rotarians.

Above the Director of Community Services PP Suresh Datta is planting a paw paw tree while Rtn. Oliver Nyangu, Ms Darla Faulkner (the incharge of the home) Rtn. Moses Mwila and some of the interned children are looking on.

Dates Dates Dates

Rtn Moses Mwila & Ann Christine	Wedding Anniversary	3 November
Ann Saroj Desai	Birthday	4 November
PP Dr Bharat Desai	Birthday	18 November
Rtn Chandran Ravi	Birthday	25 November