



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



VOLUME 8/52

Fellow Rotarians,

It is with great humility that I write you again this week 9 of 52.

The month of August dedicated to membership and extension is gradually going to an end. Our C-IN-

C Guest and spouses' night comes up this Wednesday 28th. It is a day we are all looking forward to in hosting our guests which enables us share fellowship with them and tell our story as Rotarians.

I will want to thank everyone that has contributed in cash and kind in support of the C-IN-C night in making it a success.

My appreciation also goes to the membership committee chair and members that are working hard in making Wednesday a success and fun filled. The venue of our C-IN-C guest night shall be the Rotary centre and the time is 6:30 for 7pm. Rotarians should please come in early to welcome our guests and make them feel at home to see what RC Gbagada is made off.

We shall be having the District Governor, DGE, DGN and District Chair membership in attendance as well. Our Guest speaker is no other one than our own man of honour in the person of Rotarian Professor Tokunbo.O. Fabamwo.

Last Wednesday we added 3 Rotarian by the names, Rotn. Adewole Farinu, Rotn. Adebimpe Giwa and Rotn. Adedeji Adedoyin, with their addition our club has grown to 112 in number and with this steady and quality growth I have the believe that we shall meet and surpass our membership target for this Rotary year.

Just this last Saturday we have 8 of our Rotarians attend the ROTARY LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE (RLI). I want to congratulate all the graduands for a successful training as I know every one that participated must have benefited greatly and also got impact one way or the other. Special appreciation to Rotn. Alozie for sponsoring Rotn. O'Nezer and subsidising the payment of 4 other part 1 participants at RLI. Yours truly also sponsored one.

My appreciation also goes to all members of WE CARE GROUP B for that very wonderful and fun filled Fun night. It was really a night to remember as we had about 50 Rotarians in attendance and lot of guests. It is no doubt that WE care Group B has really raised the bar and set a standard that may the hard to beat as we wait and see or experience what other groups has in the offing. I also appreciate the presence of Rotarian Mike Ayinde at this fun night, this shows that our We

care grouping is really working. I will want all other groups to take a cue from We care group B in energising their members to engage them more in all club activities as well as care for their well-being. Once again thank you group B. Our DG, DGN and District Chair We care highly commended us for such a well-planned, fun filled and successful Fun night.

Our Installation is just some few days from now and it is good to let you know that all plans towards a successful investiture is been taken care of by the chairman installation committee and members.

Please, I am appealing that we give this committee headed by the chairman Rotarian Ogunsola all support that they need in making this day a success.

The District Global Grant Medical Cabin project which falls under the Area of focus Maternal and Child health has started. Our club is among about 10 clubs that are partaking in the execution of this project. We have been allocated Muslin Junior Secondary School, Idi-Araba, Mushin as our project location. It is also good to note that our club contributed USD2,000 to this project.

Our foreign partner is from Turkey.

Special appreciation to all Rotarians that attended the "HANDS ON" on project at the Warehouse venue of the Medical Cabin assembling point on Sunday 25th August. In attendance we had Rotarians Soluade, Olawoyin, Erinle, Fowokeye, Dapo Banjo, AG Tayo Adelaja and my humble self. Please fellow Rotarians we still one more day to do this visit which is the 31st of August at 10am. Please let's block this date and attend in our large numbers.

I will also would not end my message without appealing to members that have not made any payment on their annual dues this Rotary year to please do the needful as we pray for the Lords continued blessing for all.

To all celebrants of the week we congratulate and celebrate you, may the good Lord grant all your heart desires, prosper and favour you all in all ways.

Till we meet on Wednesday.

Very Truly YIRS
Akinwale Odutola
United President 2019-2020.

WE CARE GROUP

21 August 2019

S/N			
A	GROUP A		
	PP Adefowoke Williamson- WE CARE CHAMPION		
	Sub-Group 1	Sub-Group 2	
1	Taiwo, Oladipo Francis - LEADER	1 Lawal, Babatunde Maroof - LEADER	
2	Adeyeye Segun	2 Ezie, Joseph Julian	
3	Yomi Oladele	3 Usiholo, Josephine Oiyokun	
4	Kupolati, Oluwatoyin Williams	4 Omale, Yakubu	
B	GROUP B		
	PDG Niji Raji - Group Head		
	Sub- Group 1	Sub-Group 2	
1	PP Adenuga-Taiwo - LEADER	1 Tayo Lawal - LEADER	
2	Niyi Adekunle	2 Tunde-Olowu Dapo	
3	Mike Ayinde	3 Remi Moshood	
4	Adekogbe Brian Oyin	4 Priscilla Dikko	
5	Irantola Olutayo		
C	GROUP C		
	PDG George Taylor- Group Head		
	Sub-Group 1	Sub- Group 2	
1	Oguntade Olubunmi - LEADER	1 Baruwa Idris - LEADER	
2	Oludipe Bayo	2 Vinod Obasa	
3	Aina-Marshal Abimbola	3 Funmi Ipaye	
4	Oke, Adeola	4 Dotun Bamigbola	
5	Odutola Akinwale		
D	GROUP D		
	PDG Deinde Shoga - Group Head		
	Sub- Group 1	Sub- Group 2	
1	Alozie Nsirimobi - LEADER	1 Olaide Arewa - LEADER	
2	Ayodele Bamidele	2 Olanrewaju O'Nezer	
3	Tayo Adelaja	3 Jaiyesimi Omotayo	
4	Okusanya Korede	4 Bolaji Agoro	
5	Nkechi Arizor		
E	GROUP E		
	PDG Abayomi Adewunmi- Group Head		
	Sub-Group 1	Sub-Group 2	
1	IPP Basirat Giwa - LEADER	1 Fehintola Folusho-Onagoruwa- LEADER	
2	Onyemelukwe, Akaoma	2 Yemi Lawal	
3	Osinuga , Oyeyemi Bola	3 Ayeni Samuel	
4	Adesina Adedayo	4 Gbenga Olubowale	
5	Anasiudu Joseph Nwanne		
F	GROUP F		
	PAG Onafuwa Ayotunde- Group Head		
	Sub-Group 1	Sub-Group 2	
1	Erinle, Bayowa - LEADER	1 Lydia Collingwoode-Williams- LEADER	
2	Oneh, Vera	2 Akinbobola Kunle	
3	Ayodeji Kuku	3 Okanlawon Tola	
4	PP Atolagbe Afolabi	4 Nancy Ngozi	

Editor's MESSAGE



Olanrewaju o'nezer
Editor

Growing Stronger!!!

We are 112 strong! I am confident we will achieve the set target in few months.

Congratulations to all of us in Gbagada.

There is strength in numbers, and I am delighted to be a member of RC Gbagada at a time like this. "There are

many things we can't do alone, but that doesn't mean we can't get it done." **PDG Raji.**

This is not the time to just sit and be a number, we are blessed with diverse resources so I will like to use this medium to encourage everyone of us to review our goals and leverage on the opportunities that abound in Rotary to work towards our desired goals. Personally, I find fulfillment in being of service and if you are in the same boat with me, Gbagada is the place for you.

The We Care program has been designed to raise the level of caring amongst club members first, then ultimately boost caring of club members for friends, families and the society at large. The grouping initiative is aimed at achieving this goal, therefore we are all enjoined to maximize it. The relationship should not just end at hosting a fun filled night, I hope I can walk up to club members and get update on 1 or 2 club members.

In other news, I have found a new role model in the person of the Aare of Ilofi, you will need to follow the "Rotary Story" to grasp how rich RC Gbagada is.

I will like to use this medium to appreciate the Mayor, Rotarian Alozie Nsirimobi for sponsoring my session at the Rotary Leadership Institute Training Part 1, it was indeed insightful and enlightening, I sure will be paying this forward soon.

In the spirit of membership development, lets all come out in our numbers to receive our guests on Wednesday at the C-in-C program. A big thank you to all our donors, we appreciate you a great deal.

The investiture of United President is just few days away, please keep your donations coming.

Do have a beautiful and splendid week.

Rotarian. Olanrewaju O'nezer
Editor.

HOW WELL DO YOU KNOW ROTARY?

- Who founded the Rotary Foundation?
 - o Arch C. Klumph
- When was the Polio Plus program first introduced?
 - o 1985
- When is the annual We Care Day Celebration?
 - o 7th April
- When was the We Care Program introduced?
 - o 1997

UPCOMING EVENTS IN AUGUST

1. C-in-C Program 28th August 2019
2. Investiture of Rotn. President Akin Odutola 8th September 2019

CELEBRANTS OF THE WEEK

BIRTHDAY

26TH August
29th August

PP. HRH. Olubayo Windapo
PP. Olushola Adenuga-Taiwo

SPOUSE'S BIRTHDAY

29th August:
31st August:

Rotarian Alozie Nsirimobi
Rotarian Tayo Opanubi

ACCOUNT DETAILS

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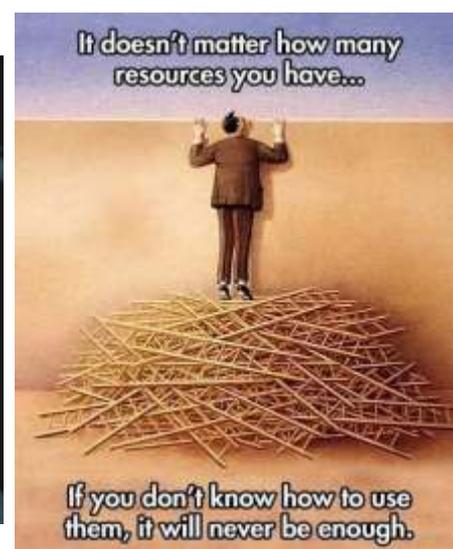
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I	GROUP I		
	PAG Lanre Kasim - Group Head		
	Sub Group 1		Sub-Group 2
	1 Akintilo Olanrewaju-LEADER		1 Opanubi Tayo-LEADER
	2 Afuwape Yinka		2 Emmanuel Paul Owoicho
	3 Odude Charles Olanrewaju		3 Animashaun Omotanwa
	4 Eleshin Kayode Kassim		4 Akinleye Folarin
J	GROUP J		
	Sodipo, Kolawole - Group Head		
	Sub Group 1		Sub-Group 2
	1 Etim, Harrison - LEADER		1 Fabamwo, Adetokunbo Olusegun-LEADER
	2 Sorinmade, Adebayo Bamidele		2 Onalvi, Dania
	3 Osunrinde Oluwaseyi		3 Omogua, Justice Mubarak
	4 Shola Osho		4 Edun, Temitayo
	5 Kayode Taiwo		
K	GROUP K		
	PP Matuluko, Muyiwa - Group Head		
	Sub-Group 1		Sub-Group 2
	1 Abdul Azeez, Adenike- LEADER		1 Ogunbanwo, Bamidele - LEADER
	2 Adenekan, Hakeem		2 Osho, Raymond Oludare
	3 Okoya, Folake		3 Ajonibadi, Bankole Kayode
	4 Okanlawon Adetola Adedayo		4 Abiodun Aina
	5 Durojaiye Remilekun Susa		

QUOTES



MINUTES OF MEETING

MINUTES OF MEETING OF THE ROTARY CLUB OF GBAGADA, DISTRICT 9110 HELD AT GOLFVIEW HOTEL IKEJA GRA, LAGOS.

DATE: 21st August 2019

ATTENDANCE

Members: Adul-Azeez, Abidoeye, Adekogbe, Adekunle, Adewunmi, Adeyeye, Agoro, Aina-Marshall, Akinleye, Ayeni, Ayeni (Capt.), Bamigbola, Chikwendu, Collingwoode-Williams, Ezie, George-Taylor, Ipaye, Irantiola, Jaiyesinmi, Kasim, Koiku, Kuku, Kupolati, Matuluko, Nsirimbobi, Odutola, Ogunbanwo, Ogundele, Ogunisola, Okanlawon, Okoya, Olawoyin, Olubowale, Omogua, Onafuwa, O'nezer, Opanubi, Orohundusi, Raji, Shoga, Sodipo, Soluade, Taiwo, Williamson, Dikko, Farinu, Adedeji

Visiting Rotarians

Kefe Adedibu	Lagos West
Jelilly Efedu	Ogba
Mariam	Maryland
DGE Bola Oyebade	Maryland
Winnie Igweonu	Lekki Golden
DG Jide Akeredolu	Ogudu
Temitope Asoge	Ikeja
Janet Solomon	Gbagada South
Monica Alphonsus	Ikeja
Ayo Ojo	Ilupeju
Omosalewa Ijatuyi	Maryland
Foluke Amos	
Guests	
Bamigbola Tosin	
Adebayo Abimbola	
Aina Oluwafunmilayo	
Fortunate Famuyiwa	

The meeting commenced at exactly 7.07pm.

Rotary Grace: Rotn Adenike Abdul-Azeez

Object of Rotary: Rotn Tayo Irantiola

4 Way Test: Rotn Erica Chikwendu

Sergeant-At-Arms: Rotn Alozie Nsirimbobi

PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS

The Rotarian President, Rotarian Akintola Odutola welcomed everyone to the meeting.

He reiterated that the plan is in progress towards a successful investiture ceremony. He confirmed that the invitation cards are ready for collection and he enjoined all members present to pick up their cards from Rotn. O'nezer.

OBA WINDAPO'S CORONATION

The President announced that the ceremony has been postponed and the new date will be communicated as soon as it is confirmed.

ROTARY LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE (RLI)

The President confirmed that the registration for Part 1 has closed however Part 2 and 3 sessions are still open for interested participants. He therefore encouraged members to endeavor to take part in the training.

WE CARE PROGRAM

The president recognized We Care Group B as the host of the night and he further confirmed the group has promised the club a fun filled night. He acknowledged and appreciated the Group B leader, i.e. the Doyen, PDG Niji Raji.

The Doyen introduced his group members and further enlightened the guests on the features and benefits of the "We Care Program" which is aimed to substantially increase the quality of service and fellowship amongst fellow club members. He spoke extensively on the program and encouraged everyone to fully take advantage of the program.

POLIO ERADICATION

PAG Lanre Kasim announced that 21st August marks 3 years of Nigeria being free from Wild Polio virus and he put up a doll for sale towards polio eradication. PP. Tayo Opanubi received the doll for N10,000.

PDG Adewunmi appreciated PAG Kasim for the enlightenment of the landmark achievement, he further appreciated the club and the District Governor for the contribution towards polio eradication. He stated that there are 3 milestones to polio eradication, and they are:

1. Declaring Nigeria free from Wild Polio virus
2. Declaring Africa region free
3. Declaring the World free

He reaffirmed that we have achieved the 1st milestone, while we are working towards the 2nd milestone in 2020 and he charged everyone that the battle is not yet won until the 3rd milestone is achieved.

NOVEMBER 3RD

PP Adenike Abdul-Azeez charged everyone to save the date 3rd November 2019 for a grand event.

BIRTHDAYS & WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

The birthday and wedding anniversary celebrants for the week were acknowledged. Rotn Ogunbanwo was presented with a birthday card for his spouse while Rotn. Dotun Bamigbola and his spouse both received a special wedding anniversary card. The other celebrants were not available at the meeting.

CLUB DUES

The Rotarian President informed the Club that 2 new members i.e. Adedoyin Adedeji and Sir. Adewole Farinu had paid their dues and thus increased the members of the Rotary Club of Gbagada to 111.

THE DISTRICT GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE

DG Jide Akeredolu acknowledged the RC Gbagada's drive for membership development and communicated that there are about five other clubs striving to tread our paths.

He also stated that 20% of the DDF (District Dedicated Fund) has been donated to Polio Plus in commemoration of the landmark achievement of 3 years of being free from Wild Polio virus.

SERGEANT-AT-ARM COLLECTIONS

Total SAA collections for the day stood at ₦80,000

TOAST

PAG Lanre Kasim gave the toast.

CLOSING

The meeting ended at 8.25pm with members reciting the National Anthem.

Olanrewaju O'nezer
For the Secretary

PHOTO REEL

WE CARE FUN NITE GROUP B

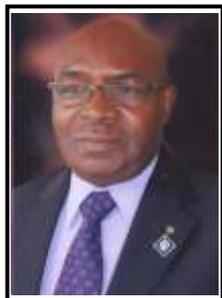


**Global Medical Cabin "Hands On" Project
25th August 2019**



**Graduates From the RLI Training Held at the
Rotary Centre 24th August 2019**





PDG ADENIJI RAJI

DOYENS CORNER.

HOW CAN I HELP SOMEONE TODAY?

Making a difference doesn't require us to do great things, only little things with great love.

Don't underestimate your power to improve the world with a kind word, a cheerful hello or even a smile. It can brighten someone's day and start a chain reaction that lights up lives.

Make someone happy today by:

1. Listen to others.

As Knight writes, "We don't always have to donate time and energy to other parts of the world. Sometimes help is needed much closer to home." If a loved one is having a hard time, listen to them. Ask someone else how they're doing or how their day is going, and genuinely, with interest and curiosity, listen to their response.

Listen fully. Don't try to fix the situation. Don't judge. Don't interrupt them as they're speaking. Just listen to what they have to say. Listening is a powerful act of kindness. In fact, according to a sage, "Listening is an act of love."

2. Give — with no strings attached.

Write a list of items someone has given you or actions they've taken that you're thankful for. This might be anything from an old sofa to a ride to the airport. Next, list 10 things you'd like to give to someone, without any strings attached. Then see how many of these acts you can cross off in a week. This could be buying a drink for a friend and volunteering at the community.

3. Use your skills for good.

Each day you wake up, you wake up with billions around the world but when the sun sets, not all retire. It is a joyful privilege to note that you are a unique person among billions of people who wake up each day to walk on the surface of the earth. It is a noble responsibility to note that you must use this privilege effectively to help others.

Learn more about opportunities to help people in your community.

Make a list of ways you can use your skills for making a difference today and every today.

4. Be a good neighbor.

If your neighbor is elderly or disabled, offer to help them with their premises. Help your neighbor's children to get to school if you can.

5. Volunteer your time or money.

Teach a Girl Child!

Women are still neglected, deprived of education in many parts of the world. However, the potential of a girl child is similarly as illuminating as any other child. You only need to show the right path, guide a girl child you find around you being deprived of education. Offer a few hours to the girl every week, and share your knowledge, impart the education, enlighten one's life. You will not only make a difference for women empowerment but also in making one literate. A pen is mightier than a sword. Therefore, by educating someone, you know you are preparing a person for a brighter future ahead, adding prosperity to the future world as well.

6. Write notes of gratitude.

"Write a note of gratitude to the people in your everyday life who make a difference... Just by paying attention to those who can easily go unnoticed, you can enrich each other's lives a little each day."

7. Don't forget about common courtesy.

Nice gestures go a long way. A small kindness can always help. We never know the kind of day someone is having; the bad news they just got; the loss they're struggling with; the health crisis they're undergoing; the dark thoughts they're wrestling with.... Say "good morning" and "thank you." Be generous with compliments and words of appreciation.

It's hard to think of others when we're feeling overwhelmed, when our gazes are down, lost in our own worries and task lists. But there are small and simple ways we can give every day.

As we reach out to help someone today, never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed people can change the world. Indeed, it is the only thing that ever has.

Let's live by Rotary's mission statement "Together we see a world where people create lasting change across the globe in our communities and in ourselves"

Wish everyone happiness as we navigate the ocean of life helping people in our communities and in our world. I ask each one of us to participate and contribute to our winning ways to achieve "Our mission to Retain".

Pulling Together returns next week.

Yours Sincerely
Adeniji Raji (mni)
Governor 1997-98



ABOVE AND BEYOND EXCELLENCE



Wale Osideko

ABOVE AND BEYOND EXCELLENCE

When to start giving

This week, my friend shared a story and I do have his permission to share his story with my "Yours Truly" family.

His story:

An area brother, who we call Bros Kay, is passionate about a social organization. Bros Kay contacted me to make a generous donation of N50,000 towards

the social organization. As much as I do have tremendous respect for Bros Kay, the organization will not qualify for my N50,000 at this time. Well, we all know how the country is. Everyone that has a free N50,000 has a long list of family members, friends, neighbors who have made a request for N50,000. Often, it is more difficult to decide who gets the N50,000 gift than to make N50,000 profit from a business deal.

Politely, I told Bros Kay that I did not have a gift to make at this time. I knew that while Bros Kay may not have more than three zeros behind the figures in his bank account, he knows the value of money. Therefore, it was easy for him to understand why I could not contribute toward the fund raising. Further, I shared some kind words about the organization and assured Bros Kay that I may be able to support them in the future.

Last month, I ran into Bros Kay at the junction. From his looks, I could tell that he had an important story to share. I bought some oranges for both of us and we sat to enjoy the oranges. It was not difficult to get words out of him. He has been in and out of hospitals. The worst seemed to be over and he seemed to be responding well to the treatments. However, he had some unpaid medical bills. He showed me the text message confirming he had about N48,000 balance to pay.

At the time I finished from school, Bros Kay had a good job with an insurance company. After he lost the job, he started a business. Some business risks crystallized, and he lost the business. Despite losing the business, he never lost his integrity and his sense for good judgement. He

has continued to be responsible for his family and to social causes.

I asked him how he will be paying the N48,000 balance. He assured me that he made some recent supplies and he was expecting payments over N50,000 within the next couple of weeks. I knew I had N25,000 balance in my "giving account". I asked him if it was alright to assist financially. "I shall be grateful", he responded. I went back to the orange seller to buy some more oranges for both of us. While at the orange seller's shed, I made a transfer of N25,000 to Bros Kay's account. I collected the oranges and returned to Bros Kay.

When he received the alert, he couldn't find words to express his appreciation, but his body language said it all. I could tell that he deeply appreciated it. Again, he assured me that I didn't have to give him the money as he was expecting a payment from a business transaction. I assured him that I will give him an additional N25,000 at the end of the month.

At that point, Bros Kay placed his hand on my shoulder, and asked me not to make an objection to his request. He said that he had an urge to send the N25,000 I just gave him to the organization he was raising funds for. He said that he could raise the money for his medical bills from his business inflow. Further he assured me that if I make the second N25,000 payment as promised, he will keep it for his personal use. I accepted his conditions. Immediately, he made the N25,000 online payment to the society.

I asked him why he did what he just did. He explained that my passion to help him out was unquestionable. Also, his passion to raise help in raising the funds was unquestionable. Further, he said that my gift to him must have given me some sense of fulfillment. He said he felt a similar sense of fulfillment when he made the gift to the society. My throat was dry, and I wiped my tears away. I gave him a big hug and thanked him for the lesson. When I left him that evening, I knew I did not understand what he did and I was going to share it with you, Wale.

End of story.

That was the story my friend shared with me. Do you see any sense in it? At what point should we start giving? When we have more than enough - like my friend? Or when we barely have enough - like Bros Kay? I do not know the answers.

Till next week, I will like to hear your personal stories (experiences) on these thoughts.

Yours truly,
Wale

MEMBERSHIP PROSPECTS GUIDE

Rotary Membership Prospects: Guide in Finding Referrals for C in C Program

By PDG. Dehinde Shoga

Prospects

Spouse:

Adult children:

Neighbors:

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.
- 4.

Professionals you personally do business with:

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.
- 4.

Business leaders your employer does business with:

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.
- 4.

Friends at church/mosque:

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.
- 4.

Members of other civic and non-profit boards:

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.
- 4.

Friends in your phone you would like to have lunch with:

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.
- 4.

Leadership of retail stores you frequent:

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.
- 4.

Chamber of Commerce leadership class alumni:

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.
- 4.

Business leaders who receive chamber awards:

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.
- 4.

Former Rotarians:

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.
- 4.

Submitted by: _____

Phone Number: _____



MY ROTARY STORY



ROT. TAYO ADELAJA (TY)

M Y ROTARY STORY

The story of my life as a Rotarian started in Abeokuta, the rock city, in year 2000 when I became a member of the Rotary Club of Oke-Ona Egba. I was invited by my friend and brother, a fellow Rotarian, now of the RC Gbagada, Rotarian Adeolu Adebari (Barry). It all started like an opportunity to hang out with my friend and a group of new friends on Fridays.

I must confess, my first 3 years were just for me to go hang out with friends. I never took anything serious, such that I was still travelling to Abeokuta every Friday when I was transferred to Lagos by my employers in 2002, to catch what has become my normal fun. There was no form of engagement in the Club and I was just “existing”. During the Chicago convention in 2005, which was my first international convention, I was already feeling weary and was almost ready to leave Rotary as I barely attended meetings in Abeokuta again.

Then the turning point came: this was during the 2006 convention in Denmark when I met some members of the RC Gbagada and I decided to transfer my membership to the Club on return from the convention. I was admitted to the Club during the Presidency of my friend and brother, PAG Wale Adegbite. From then on, the service mindedness in me really blossomed and for the fact that I was accepted by all the members and I became an “instant” member of the bases; Thanks to IPDG Kola Sodipo, PDG Deinde Shoga and of course, your guess can not be wrong, the man of many titles, PAG Lanre Kasim.

I served as the SAA of the Club, Chair of PR for 3 Rotary years and I was nominated as the President during the year 2011/2012, I became President Elect during the year 2012/2013, the highlight of my President Elect year was when I represented the Club at the now rested district inter club quiz competition and I came first, following the foot path of my buddy buddy, now Oba Dr Olubayo Windapo, The Alara of Ara Kingdom who represented the club a year earlier and came first too. By the year when we “Engaged Rotary and Changed Lives” 2013/2014, I served as the President of the Club. A very eventful year when so many awards were won by the Club including the very coveted trophy of the best club in the District.

My service to humanity through Rotary continued after my Presidency as I have served as the Chair of two District Committees, served as a member of numerous committees at different times and currently serving my second year as an Assistant Governor in District 9110. I am a Major Donor of the Rotary Foundation by the grace of God and I have attended 13 Rotary International conventions, attended almost all the district conferences etc.

The network of friends that I have made in Rotary has in many ways helped me in the defence of my classification on many occasions. Rotary has truly become my second family and I am proud to say it as such. I am still looking forward to many more wonderful years ahead in the course of serving humanities through Rotary. Indeed, Rotary is the “way to be”, my favourite rotary song.

To the young and new Rotarians, let me congratulate you for your very good choice of deciding to be a Rotarian. With the true heart of service, you will enjoy rotary. I urge you to make yourself disposed towards service in the club and trust me, you will wonder what you will be doing on Wednesdays, if you were not at Gbagada.

Long Live RC Gbagada!
Long Live D9110!!
Long Live Rotary International!!

Rotarian Tayo ADELAJA (Ty)
The Aare of Iloti Ijebu
21/08/2019