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Extra, Extra, read all about it!

Basic PRLS—29 October—K100,000. Venue: Christian Resource Centre; 8:30-16hrs. Please reserve a space and payment in advance to PRLS Trainer—Sherry Coleman



Last Meeting In The News: 4 October 2011

Business Meeting

Attendance—:

Present: 5 Make-up: 4 Apology: 2
Silent: 2 Total: 14 Attendance: 69%

Collections:

Sweep: K100,000	Foundation: K20,000
Late: K	Fines: K90,000
Other: K130,000	Total: K340,000

Visitors

Harry Yashini, RC Mufulira

This Week In Rotary

Luanshya District AIDS/HIV Task Force

By: Rtn. Isabella Kasamba

Next Week

Special Education—John Bwalya

Duties for August

Grace: Nozipho

Attendance: Steve

Sheriff: Julie

Birthday/Anniversary:

Joyce Mpatwa—12 October

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Rotary partners with Mercy Ships

By Arnold R. Grahl

Rotary International News -- 5 October 2011



Top: Each year, more than 1,200 surgeons, dentists, nurses, health care trainers, teachers, cooks, seamen, engineers, or agriculturalists volunteer their time and skills with Mercy Ships. Bottom: The Africa Mercy. Photos courtesy Mercy Ships

Rotarians will help improve the delivery of vital health care services to West Africa through a new strategic partnership between The Rotary Foundation and the global charity Mercy Ships.

Through the partnership, the Foundation will offer packaged global grants for Rotary clubs and districts to assemble vocational training teams of medical professionals. These teams will perform or assist in life-changing surgeries. The Rotarian volunteers will also work to enhance the skills of local health care professionals.

The initial projects will take place in West Africa, the area of operations for the charity's 16,500-ton state-of-the-art hospital ship, *Africa Mercy*, now based in Freetown, Sierra Leone.

"This strategic partnership with Mercy Ships enables Rotary to work with a globally recognized leader in the delivery of vital medical and surgical care to the world's most vulnerable populations," says Rotary Foundation Trustee Chair William B. Boyd. "It allows Rotary club members to directly contribute their valuable expertise and skills within the framework of a proven and highly successful health care program."

Founded in 1978, Mercy Ships uses its hospital ships to deliver free, world-class health care and assistance in capacity building and sustainable development to developing countries. The charity has worked in more than 70 countries, performing services that have had an impact on more than 2.9 million people. Each year, more than 1,200 surgeons, dentists, nurses, health care trainers, teachers, cooks, seamen, engineers, or agriculturalists volunteer their time and skills.

"Mercy Ships is honored to be chosen by The Rotary Foundation as a strategic partner for disease prevention and treatment," says Don Stephens, president and founder of the charity. "The scope of Rotary's service to humanity is truly monumental, and it is my belief that the synergy of our organizations working together will be an even greater force to increase health care delivery systems in West Africa."

Previous projects

Rotarians have a record of working with Mercy Ships, carrying out projects in several countries. The Rotary clubs of Jacksonville, Florida, USA, and Tema, Accra, Ghana, helped equip the *Africa Mercy* in 2007 to provide medical aid in Ghana. Jacksonville Rotarians also partnered with the Rotary Club of Monrovia, Liberia, to support eye and facial surgeries for more than 1,200 patients in Monrovia from 2008 to 2011.

Rotary International in Great Britain and Ireland named Mercy Ships its Charity of Choice in 2005-06.

Rotary Foundation Global Grants support large, international projects with sustainable, high-impact outcomes in Rotary's areas of focus. Packaged global grants developed by the Foundation and Mercy Ships will directly support the disease prevention and treatment area of focus. Because the administrative work of designing the project and finding a partnering organization has already been done, Rotary clubs and districts can focus on identifying beneficiaries, providing technical expertise or direct service, and publicizing the effort.

One hundred districts are participating in the Future Vision pilot, a three-year test of the Foundation's streamlined grant structure, which began 1 July 2010. All districts will begin using the model on 1 July 2013.

The Foundation also has approved strategic partnerships with [Aga Khan University](#) and [Oikocredit International](#). Information on how pilot clubs and districts can apply for packaged global grants with Mercy Ships will be available soon at www.rotary.org.

The next generation of Rotarians

Rotary's New Generations programs are a great resource for attracting young professionals and helping them to develop personally and professionally. Clubs are encouraged to increase diversity in Rotary by recruiting young men and women. Getting them involved in a Rotaract club or Rotary Youth Exchange can be the first step to a lifelong connection to Rotary. Learn about these and other Rotary programs for New Generations, and find out how your club can benefit from involving youth and young adults in Rotary.

Resource guide



[Rotary's Areas of Focus Guide](#)

Use your business know-how to carry out a project in one of Rotary's six areas of focus.



[Rotary Video Magazine Collection 4](#)

See how club members helped young people in Brazil learn the art of baking.



[ProjectLINK](#)

Find service projects that could use your skills in this searchable database.

Upcoming

12 October	Club Admin/Membership/PR Meeting
18 October	Special Education—John Bwalya
19 October	Service Projects/Rotary Foundation Meeting
25 October	Meet Luanshya's New Mayor
26 October	Board Meeting
29 October	BPRLS—see secretary



Celebrate Vocational Service Month

October is Vocational Service Month. Encourage your club to dedicate at least one meeting to discussing vocational service, and to plan related activities throughout the year. Find ideas in

the [Vocational Service Month flier](#).

Now is also a great time for clubs to begin working toward the 2011-12 Changemaker Award. To qualify, clubs must complete activities in each of the five Avenues of Service. Vocational service options include:

- Conduct a program to recognize high ethical standards and public values in the community.
- Organize at least one professional networking event in which club members can meet other local professionals and introduce them to Rotary.
- Sponsor a career day in which club members bring young people to their places of business to inform them about career opportunities.

See the [2011-12 Changemaker Award brochure](#) for details.

Fight hunger on World Food Day, 16 October

The United Nations observes 16 October as World Food Day to raise awareness of the global hunger crisis and to encourage action. Here's what some Rotary clubs are doing to fight hunger in their communities:

- Each Friday, the Rotary Club of South Anne Arundel County (Edgewater), Maryland, USA, fills backpacks with nutritious food to ensure that elementary school students from low-income families have enough to eat over the weekend, when they don't receive free school lunches.
- The Rotary Community Corps of Gawad Kalinga and its sponsor club, the Rotary Club of Makati South, Metro Manila, Philippines, developed a food program for preschool and kindergarten students. It provides supplemental nutrition and has helped increase school enrollment and attendance.
- The Rotary Club of Madison-Gluckstadt, Mississippi, USA, partnered with a grocery store and a local food pantry to get food to people in need. The club provided empty grocery bags to its members and others in the community, attaching lists of food items requested by the pantry. The project quickly collected a month's supply of food for beneficiaries.



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