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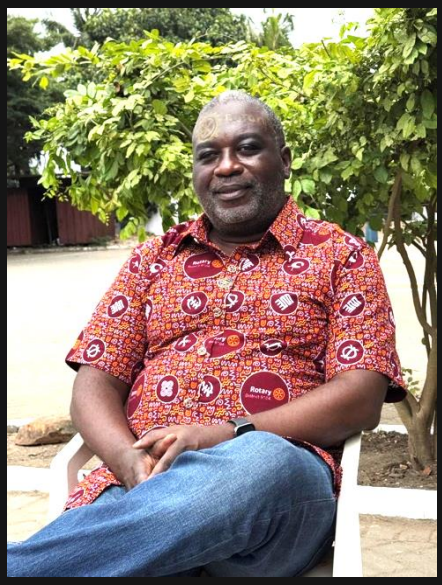
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Flying Higher Together: August Highlights & September Hopes - RP David

Dear fellow Rotarians and friends,



As August comes to a close and we look ahead with hope into September, I am filled with gratitude for the energy, fellowship, and service spirit our club has shown. These past weeks have reminded us that Rotary is more than meetings and activities; it is a shared journey of purpose, friendship, and impact.

One of the key highlights was the District Governor's official visit, which encouraged us and affirmed the progress we are making as a club. His congratulatory message and the agreements reached with the Board give us clear direction as we continue building a stronger, more active, and more vibrant Rotary family.

Our engagement with Rotaractors also strengthened our connection with the future of Rotary, as we shared stories, discussed service pathways, and encouraged emerging leadership. We were equally proud of our Back to School project with SCEF, themed Quality Education: The Pathway to a Brighter Future. With support from the Rotaract Club of Accra Airport and Kempinski Hotel Limited, the children created ambition boards, reminding us that every child deserves hope, encouragement, and opportunity.

Another memorable moment was the launch of our coffee table book and club documentary to close our 25th anniversary celebration. Under the theme Our Rotary Story: Celebrating the Past, Capturing the Present and Inspiring the Future, we honoured our journey, celebrated our present work, and looked ahead to the legacy we must continue to shape. The media coverage of both the launch and the Back to School project helped carry our story into the wider community.

We also benefited from an insightful wellness talk by Dr. Baffour Adu, a timely reminder that service is sustained by strength, balance, and well-being. As we peep into September, Rotary's focus on Basic Education and Literacy gives us a fresh opportunity to serve with intention through themed meetings, our microfinance project, fundraising efforts, and an offsite meeting to deepen fellowship.

To every member who has shown up, served, contributed, or simply brought positive energy into our fellowship, I say thank you. You are the heartbeat of the club. To members who have not been as active recently, I warmly invite you to reconnect. Your presence, ideas, talent, and support matter. When each of us plays our part, our club does not merely function; it flourishes.

September gives us a new horizon and a fresh call to action. Let us rise together, follow our strategy with discipline, strengthen our partnership with Rotaractors, and show up boldly for the activities that bring our Rotary story to life. Together, let us keep flying higher.

"Rotary changes us and those we serve. I believe we can change the world one life at a time." — Paul Harris

Yours in Rotary Service,

Rotarian David

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August Highlights & Achievements

26th August

Launch of 25th Anniversary Documentary and Coffee Table Book

5th August

District 9104 Governor's Visit.

31st August

Back-to-School: First service project completed

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Highlights

Creating Lasting Impact: From Outcome to True Legacy

District Governor's Dr. Andrews Jack Dotsey's Official Visit



DG Jack Andrews Dotsey (center) with Club members

A Visit of Strategic Alignment and Shared Vision

On Wednesday, 5 August 2026, the Club hosted District Governor Dr. Andrews Jack Dotsey for his official club visit at the African Regent Hotel. Far from a routine ceremony or administrative audit, the District Governor characterized the evening as a strategic alignment: a defining opportunity to review progress, reinforce mutual accountability, and agree on what will be transformed by the end of the Rotary year on 30 June 2027.

In his address, DG Dotsey extended heartfelt appreciation to President David Kwatia Nyante, Past District Governor Dave Amankwah, District Treasurer PAG Afua Ababio, PP Alice, Rtn. Helgah, PAG TOT, and the entire leadership team for laying a solid foundation that positions District 9104 as a benchmark of excellence across the zone.

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The Core Message: Outcomes vs. Impact

Drawing directly from Rotary International President Olayinka Hakeem Babalola's annual theme, "Create Lasting Impact," DG Dotsey shared a defining perspective on service:

"An outcome is what we photograph on handover day. Impact is what is still standing three years later. A borehole drilled is an outcome. Water flowing in that community in 2031, because somebody was trained and a maintenance fund exists, is impact."

Members were challenged to look back over the past 5 to 7 years, identify their best historical records for membership growth and Rotary Foundation giving, and strive to "do better than your best".

Four Pillars of Leader Accountability

A central pillar of the Governor's address was institutional accountability. Reclaiming the word from negative connotations, DG Dotsey defined accountability as *the discipline of stating in advance what we intend to do and producing concrete evidence of achievement*.

He outlined four distinct directions of obligation:

1. **To Members:** Who invest their hard-earned dues and deserve transparent stewardship.
2. **To Communities:** Ensuring projects endure so communities never feel abandoned when facilities fail.
3. **To Partners & TRF:** Protecting the global trust built by generations of Rotarians.
4. **To Future Leaders:** Setting clear standards and documented continuity.

Agreed Commitments & Official Action Points

Following the visit, the District Governor issued an official letter of appreciation to President David Kwatia Nyante, highlighting key operational targets agreed upon for the 2026–27 Rotary year:

- **Membership & Growth:** Every Board member to sponsor at least one new Rotarian, aiming to make Accra Airport the largest club in District 9104 while supporting the District target of 500 new members.
- **The Rotary Foundation (TRF):** Maintain 100% Every Rotarian, Every Year (EREY) with a minimum $100 annual contribution per member, increase Annual Fund/PolioPlus giving, and cultivate new Major Donors (Special appreciation was given to Rtn. Maggie Dee for her generous $1,000 TRF pledge).
- **Service Projects & Grants:** Pursue high-value Global Grants (including an integrated school/microfinance initiative), host fundraising events like the Golf Tournament, 'Ride for Polio', and 'Walk for Polio', and adopt a District Flagship Project.
- **Public Image & Governance:** Launch a brand-new club website, revitalize social media channels with Rotaractor involvement, publish a Club Newsletter, and utilize the Rotary Learning Center.



DG Jack Andrews Dotsey delivering his address to the Club

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Looking Ahead to Enduring Service

Reflecting on the club's rich 26-year history since its charter in April 2000 under Charter President Harry Owusu and PDG Adotei Brown, DG Dotsey reminded members that their first-year projects (such as supporting the Frafraha Children's Home) demonstrated what the club intended to be.

"Change is what we achieve in a Rotary year. Impact is what remains long after our year has ended and our names are forgotten. Let us aim for the second."

— Dr. Andrews Jack Dotsey, District Governor



PP Avi shares his thoughts during a visit the Club

Letter from Visiting Rotarian

Dear Members,

During my recent visit to Accra, I had the pleasure of attending the Rotary Club of Accra Airport's meeting on Wednesday, 5th August. I was particularly keen to visit as I had learned that our District Governor, Rtn. Jack Dotse, would be making his official visit to the club that day. It was also wonderful to meet our own PDG Dave, who was genuinely delighted to see me.

I found the club to be exceptionally vibrant, with warm, friendly, and hospitable members who made me feel most welcome from the moment I arrived.

DG Rtn. Jack Dotse delivered an inspiring address on Rotary, with a strong emphasis on the importance of membership growth and the need for all clubs to actively strengthen their membership.

I was honoured to be invited to say a few words as a visiting Rotarian. I took the opportunity to share a little about our club and our upcoming membership drive on 13th August. I also thanked the members for their warm hospitality and personally extended an invitation to DG Jack Dotse to visit us in Kumasi.

Overall, it was a thoroughly enjoyable meeting and a wonderful opportunity to strengthen Rotary fellowship. I was also pleased to make a few new Rotary friends along the way.

PP Avi, Rotary Club of Kumasi Premier International

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Homowo Highlights at the Bruces' – RP David

The Bruces - PP CC and his wife Rotarian Mary - once again graciously hosted their much-anticipated annual Homowo lunch for RCAA members today. Although the event was scheduled to start at 2:00 pm, I arrived around 3:00 pm to a lively and vibrant scene. Cars lined the fence wall, white canopies adorned the residence, and music blared from speakers, signaling that the festivities were already in full swing.

At the gate, I met PP Nat and PE Richard—he wore a brown straw hat while I sported a black flat cap. PP Nat joked that if he had known, he would have worn his flat cap too. Upon entering, we were warmly welcomed by PP CC and joined other early arrivals, including PAG Will (sporting a Rotary straw hat), PP Yoku (also wearing a white flat cap), Rotarian Robert, and Rotarian Gifty.



After exchanging pleasantries, the photographer, Rotaractor Derrick, called us for individual pictures before we settled down to enjoy local snacks and a broad selection of drinks—from local brews to international brands, including wines and water. More club members soon arrived: Rotarian Lucy, sporting a Rotary straw hat, PAG Afua, PP Alice, IPP Kojo, PP Oboshie, and Rotarian Osei, adding to the growing and vibrant gathering. Later, PP Nana Gyamfi (in a light brown long-sleeved safari jacket), Rotarian Holger accompanied by Rotary Ann Aziza, and Rotarian Cynthia joined as well.

With about 17 members present, we combined two tables to sit us comfortably together. The crowd represented a wonderful blend of RCAA, RCAA-East (Rotarian Mary's club), MOBA, and other friends. The music moved PAG Will so much that he couldn't resist dancing and waving his white handkerchief, much to everyone's delight.

Before serving ourselves, we gathered for a group photo. PP Rho made a memorable entrance wearing his Arsenal jersey, much to the amusement (and mild displeasure) of the non-Arsenal fans.

The sumptuous meal that followed was enjoyed by all. PE Richard and I experienced a slight delay due to a reaction to kpoikpoi, but we were graciously served rice alongside the delicious palm nut soup with assorted fish and cow leg. A special 70th birthday celebration for a classmate of PP CC was held. It started with a toast by PP Orlando of RC Accra-Airport Enclave (a mate of PP CC) followed with cake cutting and the singing of the Happy Birthday song.



It was difficult to catch PP Oboshie's attention as she was deeply engaged in conversation with Rotarian Osei and later Rotary Ann Aziza. I finally connected with her just before leaving.
I departed around 6:10 pm after enjoying some kelewele, feeling grateful for the calm, serene atmosphere, great company, and wonderful music. I left with Rotarian Gifty.

RCAA extends its sincere thanks and appreciation to the Bruce family for their warm hospitality and for hosting such a memorable celebration of tradition and fellowship.



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RCAA SUPPORTS OVER 200 CHILDREN THROUGH 2026 BACK-TO-SCHOOL OUTREACH









The Club, in partnership with the Street Children Empowerment Foundation (SCEF), held its 2026 Back-to-School Programme on Saturday, 29 August 2026, bringing together 234 children for a day focused on education, inspiration, creativity and community support.

Held under the theme Quality Education: The Pathway to a Brighter Future," the programme reaffirmed Rotary's commitment to supporting vulnerable children and creating opportunities that enable them to remain in school and pursue their aspirations.

The programme opened with remarks from Paul Semeh, Founder of the Street Children Empowerment Foundation, who expressed appreciation for the longstanding partnership with the RCAA and highlighted the impact of the collaboration over the past ten years. He reflected on the work undertaken together to support children, families and communities in Jamestown, noting the difference that sustained partnerships and service have made in the lives of community members.

A major highlight of the programme was an address by RP David Kwatia Nyante. He spoke about the importance of education in transforming lives and encouraged the children to take their education seriously, remain disciplined and determined, and make the most of the opportunities available to them. He further emphasised the need for continued collective support for vulnerable children through education, mentorship, skills development and other forms of assistance.

The Rotaract Club of Accra-Airport was also present to support the programme. Members actively participated in the day's activities, demonstrating the continued collaboration between Rotary and Rotaract in advancing service to communities.

As part of the outreach, over 200 children received school supplies to support their educational needs. The supplies included *notebooks, exercise books, rulers, sharpeners, pencils, erasers, pens and crayons, providing practical assistance to children as they prepared for the new academic year.

The programme went beyond the provision of educational materials. Through the "Pathways to My Future" Vision Board and Career Exploration Workshop, children were encouraged to think about their dreams, identify their interests and strengths, explore possible careers, and consider the education, skills and actions needed to achieve their goals.

The children were also inspired by David Dayina, Sales Executive at Kempinski Hotel, who shared aspects of his personal journey and encouraged them to continue dreaming, believe in themselves and work towards their aspirations despite the challenges they may encounter.

Adding colour and creativity to the programme were a dance performance by Accra Dances Movement and a poetry recital by the Children's Parliament, giving the children an opportunity to express themselves and showcase their talents.

The programme brought together members of the RCAA, Rotaract Club of Accra-Airport, SCEF, Kempinski Hotel, Ghana Education Service, parents and other stakeholders, reflecting the power of partnership in creating meaningful opportunities for children.

The day concluded with a Happy Hour, bringing the Rotary and SCEF teams together to celebrate the impact of the initiative, strengthen relationships and reflect on the importance of sustained community service.

The 2026 Back-to-School Programme is another demonstration of the RCAA's continued commitment to education, child development and community service. Through partnerships such as this, Rotary continues to help create pathways for vulnerable children to access education, develop confidence and envision a brighter future.

For more than a decade, the partnership has demonstrated that when organisations work together consistently, the impact extends beyond a single programme—it creates lasting change in the lives of children and communities.

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Achievements

Celebrating 25 Years With Coffee Table Book and Documentary Launch

The Club celebrated its 25th anniversary with the launch of a commemorative Coffee Table Book and the premiere of a documentary chronicling the Club's journey, service and impact over the past quarter-century.

The event, held at the African Regent Hotel in Accra, brought together Rotary leaders, Rotarians, Rotaractors, partners, families of departed members and distinguished guests to launch the Club's historic book and documentary.

The Club was chartered on 18 April 2000 with 22 members through the Rotary Club of Accra-North. Twenty-six years later, it has grown into a vibrant Club with 74 members.

In his welcome remarks, the President of the Rotary Club of Accra-Airport, Rotarian David Kwatia Nyante, described the occasion as an opportunity to preserve the Club's institutional memory and honour the people who have shaped its journey.

"Tonight is therefore not simply about launching a book or watching a documentary. It is about recognizing the people, partnerships, service and fellowship that have shaped our Club," Rotarian Nyante said.

He paid tribute to the late Past District Governor (PDG) Adotei Brown, whose vision and efforts were instrumental in the Club's chartering, and acknowledged the contribution of past and present members, partners and families. The President also highlighted the Club's wider contribution to the Rotary family.

"Over the years, Accra-Airport has chartered the Rotary Club of Accra-Airport City, the Rotary Club of Accra-Airport Enclave and the Rotaract Club of Accra-Airport. The Club has also supported The Rotary Foundation and PolioPlus and achieved notable Rotary milestones, including becoming a 100% Paul Harris Fellow Club and achieving 100% Every Rotarian, Every Year participation. Its membership includes an Arch Klumph Society member, Major Donors, Benefactors and a Bequest Society member," the President explained.

The commemorative book and documentary were conceived during the 2024–2025 Rotary year as part of the Club's 25th anniversary celebrations.

Explaining the motivation behind the initiative, the President said: "After 25 years, we felt it was important to pause, look back, document our journey and preserve our story for those who will come after us." The project carries the theme: "Our Rotary Story — Celebrating the Past, Capturing the Present and Inspiring the Future."

The District Governor congratulated the Rotary Club of Accra-Airport and formally launched the Coffee Table Book and documentary, noting:

"As you begin the next 25 years, may this book remind you not only of what has been achieved, but also challenge you to consider what more can be achieved."







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Rotaract Corner



RoCAA Joins Forces For a Cleaner Labomba Beach

On Saturday, 22nd August 2026, the Rotaract Club of Accra-Airport partnered with the Rotaract Club of Accra-Cantonments East, Rotaract Club of Accra BlueCrest College, and Rotaract Club of Adenta Central for a beach clean-up exercise at Laboma Beach, Teshie Beach Road.

Ghana's beaches, much like many public spaces across the country, continue to battle the effects of plastic pollution and indiscriminate waste disposal. Laboma Beach, a popular spot for residents and visitors alike, was no exception. The clean-up was necessary not just to restore the beach to a more presentable state, but to draw attention to the environmental toll of unchecked littering on our coastlines and marine ecosystems. As young leaders committed to service, the clubs saw it fitting to take direct action rather than wait on others to address the problem.

Members and partners gathered from 7:00 am, ready to put in the work before the day's heat set in. Armed with gloves, bags, and wheelbarrows, volunteers combed the shoreline, clearing plastic waste and debris while enjoying the camaraderie that comes with service done side by side.

The exercise brought together young people from four different clubs, united not by obligation but by a shared belief that Accra can be a cleaner, healthier city for everyone who lives in and visits it. It was a small but meaningful contribution to the country's broader vision of cleaner urban and coastal spaces, driven by the very generation that will inherit them.

The day rounded off on a lighter note, with volunteers bonding over food and drinks, swapping stories, laughter, and new friendships after a job well done. It was a fitting reminder that service, when done together, is never just work; it's community.

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5 August 2026
District Governor's Visit

District Governor (DG) Jack addressed the club, emphasizing leader accountability and outlining key strategies for club vitality:

- **Membership Growth & Extension:** Board members must sponsor at least one new Rotarian; the club aims to sponsor two new Rotary clubs and establish an additional Interact club.
- **Rotary Foundation:** Encouraged an annual contribution of at least $100 per Rotarian, maintaining 100% Every Rotarian Every Year participation, and expanding Major Donors.
- **Service Projects & Public Image:** Target a major Global Grant school project and promote club initiatives actively across digital and print media.
- **Administration & Legacy:** Utilize Past Presidents' wisdom, empower emerging leaders, and cultivate future District leadership.

Attendance: 33 Rotarians, 3 visiting Rotarians and 3 guests.

Money Raised: GHS 10,540 and USD 1.800, comprising dues, silly fines, raffle proceeds and boggie contributions.

12 August 2026
Basic Tips for Wellness

Guest speaker Dr. Baffour Adu delivered a health presentation covering key strategies to prevent chronic conditions:

- **The Ultimate Prescription:** Focus on diet, physical activity, sleep quality, stress management, and preventative healthcare.
- **Knowing Your Numbers:** Track blood pressure, blood glucose, cholesterol, weight/waist metrics, and conduct routine cancer screenings.
- **Seven Wellness Commandments:** Move daily, eat colorful/fiber-rich foods, maintain sleep/stress routines, avoid smoking, limit alcohol, complete health checks, and stay socially connected.

Attendance: 43 Rotarians and 3 guests.

Money Raised: Regular fine for virutal meetings.

Meetings Recap

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Interaction between Rotarians, Rotaractors, and Interactors

Led by RP David, members were split into four mixed groups consisting of Rotarians, Rotaractors, and Interactors. The interactive session provided a platform for members to share their personal Rotary journeys, reasons for joining, and allowed senior Rotarians to offer encouragement and mentorship to newer members.

Attendance: 12 Rotarians, 9 Rotractors, 2 Interactors.

Money Raised: GHS 1,285 and USD 500.

26 July 2026

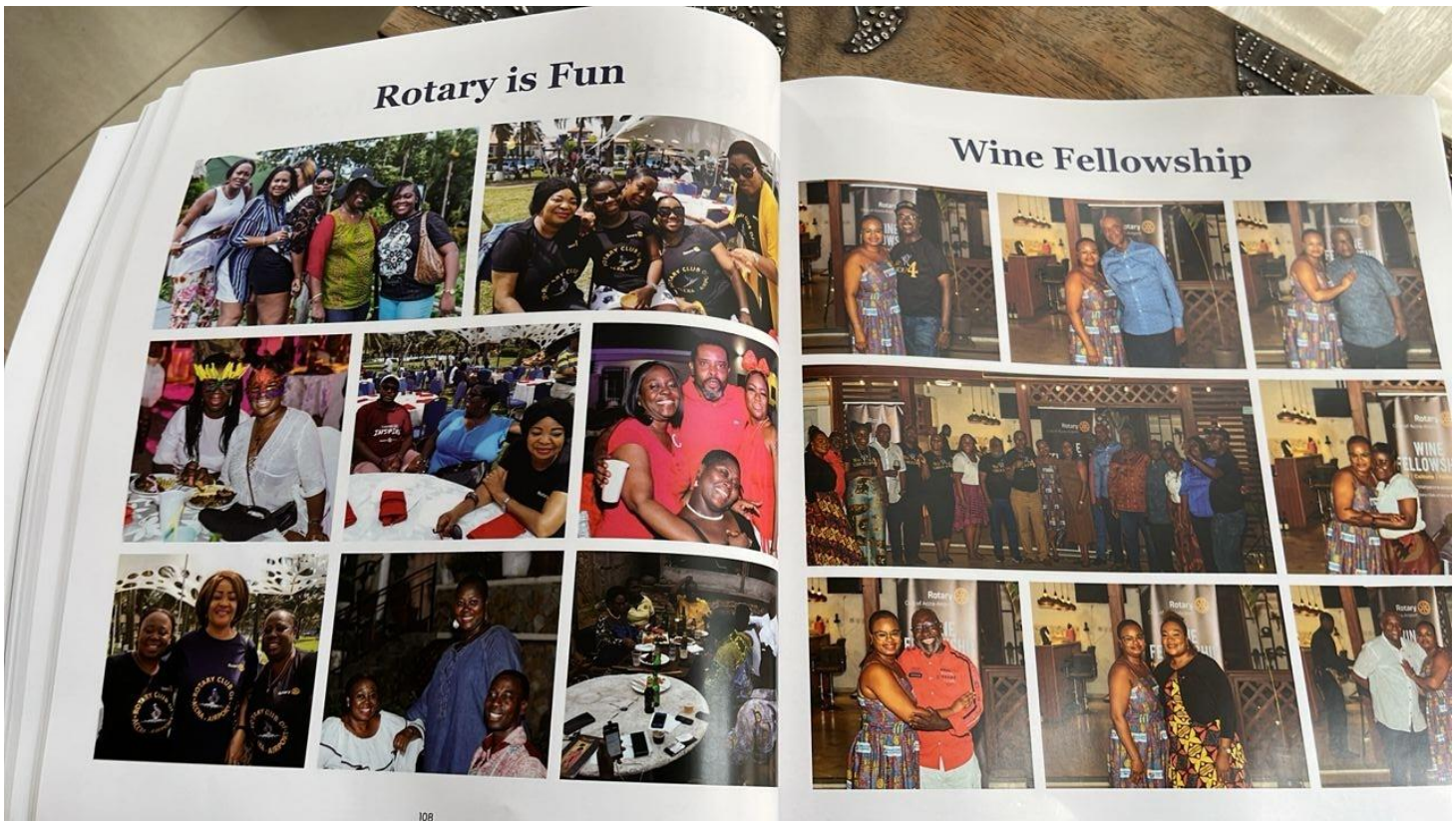
25th Anniversary Documentary and Coffee Table Book Launch

With District Governor Jack as the Guest of Honour, the Club launched it's 25th Anniversary documentary and coffee book.

PP Round shared about the ardous journey of capturing 25 years of service and fellowship, while DG Jack extolled the Club for the leadership role it has played in the district and challenged it to exceed its previous achievements.

Attendance: Pending

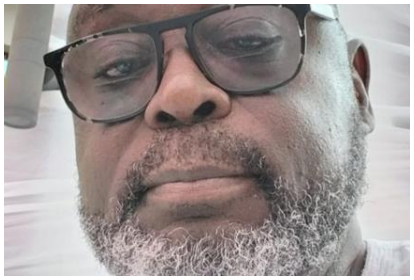
Money Raised: No funds were recorded



Pages from the 25th Anniversary Coffee Book

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PP Round



Full name: **Osei-Kwame Agyeman**
Classification: **Architecture**
Member for: **25 years**
Group: **3**

AG Naana



Full name: **Naana Agyemang-Mensah**
Classification: **Development Consultancy**
Member for: **25 years**
Group: **3**

Rtn Ramie



Full name: **Getrude Ampong-Sam**
Classification: **Banking**
Member for: **4 years**
Group: **3**

Rtn Naana Grey



Full name: **Naana Animah Oduro**
Classification: **Procurement**
Member for: **4 months**
Group: **3**

Rtn Abena



Full name: **Abena Bonsu**
Classification: **Project Management/Banking**
Member for: **11 years**
Group: **2**

PP Rosa



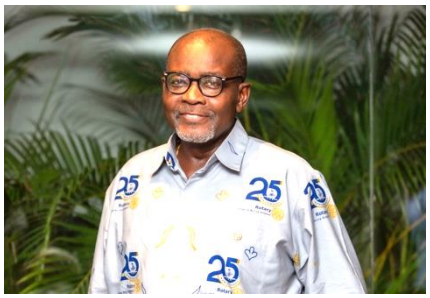
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Member for: **17 years**
Group: **2**

Rtn Rejjie



Full name: **Regina Martin-Peprah**
Classification: **Legal Services**
Member for: **6 years**
Group: **1**

PP Cara



Full name: **Caradoc Mills Lamptey**
Classification: **Financial Accounting**
Member for: **22 years**
Group: **3**

Get to know our members

Members Spotlight

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This edition of *Members Through The Lens* remembers and celebrates DG's visit to the Club, Back to School and Homowo celebrations.

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Arise for Polio is coming…

Arise for Polio 2026 will be held on **Friday, the 23rd of October** - a day before World Polio Day. Letters requesting for sponsorship will be issued at members' request.

Kindly contact Rtn Efuah with the names and addresses of Corporates and / or Individuals you would like to seek sponsorship from and the letters will be issued for you.



Arise For Polio 2025

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September is Basic Education and Literacy Month on the Rotary calendar. A reminder that reading, writing and numeracy are the foundation everything else in a person's life is built on. Worldwide, hundreds of millions of people still grow up without these basics, and closing that gap starts with the kind of hands-on, local work our club does best such as the Back to School programme. Great appreciation to all members who contributed and participated in the event, and we look to build on this with events of this month.



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News from the Rotary Club of Accra-Airport

Thank you!

Thank you for taking the time to read this newsletter. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to reach out to us.

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