Wings of Service

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THIS EDITION

- **Arise for Polio 2026** rallies support for a polio-free world
- **Welcome aboard:** three new members join RCAA
- **Rotaract** walks and vaccinates to End Polio
- **Inside:** meetings recap, members spotlight & more

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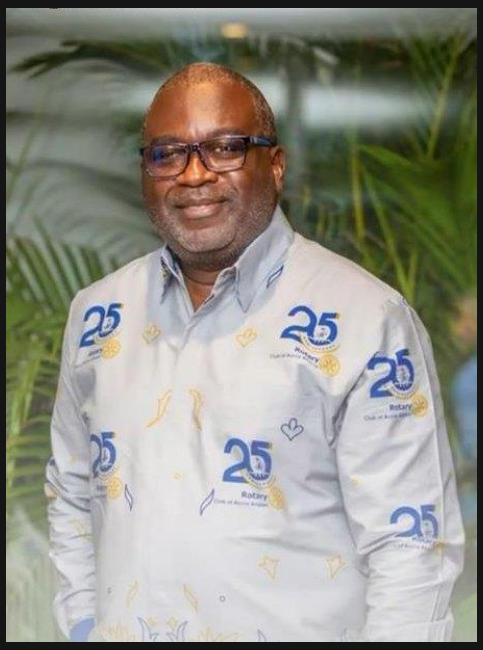
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Cruising on Momentum

Growing Stronger, Serving Bigger

– RP David



Dear Fellow Rotarians and friends,

October was a month of renewed energy, fellowship and meaningful progress as we completed the first quarter of the Rotary year and cruised into the second.

We kicked off the month on a high note with an enjoyable offsite fellowship at Oktoberfest, hosted by Group 1 at Labadi Beach Hotel. It was a refreshing opportunity to connect, relax and strengthen the friendships that bind us as a Rotary family.

The spirit of service was equally evident at Arise for Polio, our breakfast fundraising event in support of Rotary's global effort to eradicate polio. We also celebrated membership growth with the induction of three new members—Rotarians Martin, James and Akua. We warmly welcome them and look forward to the fresh perspectives and contributions they bring to the Club. Adding to the month's learning experience was a classification talk by Rotarian Priscilla, a social entrepreneur, who shared valuable insights from her professional journey.

The Board meeting and Club Assembly provided further opportunities to review progress, address governance matters and collectively shape the direction of the Club.

November is Rotary Foundation Month, and an exciting programme lies ahead. A talk on the Rotary Foundation will deepen members' understanding of its work and impact. We will also undertake a community deworming exercise targeting 7,000 children in James Town, in partnership with the Street Children Empowerment Foundation and under the supervision of Ghana Health Service-Ussher Hospital. The month will conclude with a special Fellowship Night, providing an opportunity to recognise our Paul Harris Fellows and celebrate other member achievements.

Fellow Rotarians, the journey is gathering momentum. Let us continue to show up, participate actively, support Club projects and celebrate one another. The strength of the Club lies not in the efforts of a few but in the collective commitment of all.

As we cruise through the second quarter, let us keep our purpose clear, fellowship strong and commitment to service unwavering. **Let us do more, achieve more and make a greater difference!**

"Alone we can do so little; together we can do so much." — *Helen Keller*

Yours in Rotary service,

Rotarian David

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October Highlights & Achievements

2nd October
Oktoberfest Quarterly Offsite Fellowship (Group 1)

7th October
Classification Talk by Rtn Priscilla

14th October
Club Assembly

20th October
Arise for Polio 2026 Breakfast Fundraiser

24th October
End Polio Walk & Vaccination Drive (Rotaract)

28th October
Induction of Three New Members

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Highlights

Arise for Polio 2026: Together, We Finish the Fight



District Governor Jack Andrews Dotsey (PhD) with Club leaders and guests at Arise for Polio 2026. Photo: MyJoyOnline

On Tuesday, 20th October 2026, the Rotary Club of Accra-Airport hosted **Arise for Polio 2026**, its breakfast fundraiser in support of Rotary's global campaign to eradicate polio. Held at the La Palm Royal Beach Hotel in the lead-up to World Polio Day, the event brought together Rotarians, Rotaractors, partners and friends of the Club, dressed in red, white and yellow, around one goal: ensuring that no child anywhere suffers from polio again.

Welcoming guests, Club President David Kwatia Nyante reminded the audience that polio can cause permanent paralysis or even death, yet it is preventable through vaccination. With wild poliovirus now endemic only in Afghanistan and Pakistan, he highlighted Rotary's work alongside the Ghana Health Service and other partners here in Ghana.

He called on governments, businesses, communities and individuals to play their part, and invited corporate partners and sponsors to stand with the Club in the cause.

Keynote speaker **District Governor Jack Andrews Dotsey (PhD)** of Rotary International District 9104 commended the Club and spoke on the theme *"Together, We Finish the Fight."* He stressed that Rotary's role goes well beyond fundraising to include advocacy, community mobilisation, support for vaccination campaigns and building trust in vaccines, and cautioned that while the virus circulates anywhere, children everywhere remain at risk.

> **"Together, We Finish the Fight."**
>
> *Theme of the keynote by DG Jack Andrews Dotsey (PhD), District 9104*

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Highlights

Speaking to the media, **Gertrude Adzo Akpalu**, Chair of Ghana's National PolioPlus Committee, put Ghana's progress toward polio eradication at 99.9%. She acknowledged the partners behind that progress, including GHS/EPI, WHO, UNICEF, the Gates Foundation, Gavi, US-CDC and the Paediatric Society of Ghana, and urged the public to donate to the Rotary Foundation's PolioPlus Fund, share accurate information and keep advocating until the job is done.

RCAA extends heartfelt thanks to every member, sponsor and guest whose generosity and presence made Arise for Polio 2026 a success. Every contribution brings us one step closer to a polio-free world.

Adapted from reporting by Rhocila Calys-Tagoe, MyJoyOnline, 20 October 2026.















Rotarians, Rotaractors and guests in red, white and yellow at Arise for Polio 2026, La Palm Royal Beach Hotel.

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Rotaract Corner

Walking for a Polio-Free World

A Journey of Service, Impact and Fellowship – Rotaract Club of Accra-Airport





The fight against polio is more than a campaign; it is a commitment to protecting lives, safeguarding future generations and creating lasting impact. In reaffirming this commitment, members of the Rotaract Club of Accra-Airport joined other Rotary & Rotaract Clubs walk to End Polio, combining physical activity, community service and fellowship in one meaningful experience.

The journey began at Ayi Mensah, where members embarked on a walk towards Peduase Lodge. Beyond the steps taken along the route, every stride represented a shared commitment to the global mission of eradicating polio. Upon arrival at Peduase Lodge, members enjoyed a moment of fellowship before receiving a briefing on the vaccination exercise scheduled to take place in Kitase. The briefing provided important insights into the vaccination process and the role each volunteer would play in supporting the initiative.

With a renewed sense of purpose, the team proceeded to Kitase, where the true heart of the day's mission unfolded. Members joined efforts to administer polio vaccines to numerous children, contributing to the protection of young lives and helping strengthen the community's fight against this preventable disease. It was a powerful reminder that lasting impact is not always measured by the size of an activity but by the lives touched and the difference made, one child at a time.

Having fulfilled the day's service commitment, the team proceeded to Aburi for some well-deserved relaxation and fun. The atmosphere shifted from the intensity of service to laughter, shared experiences and genuine connections. It was an opportunity to unwind, strengthen friendships and appreciate the unique bond that brings Rotarians and Rotaractors together.

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Rotaract Corner

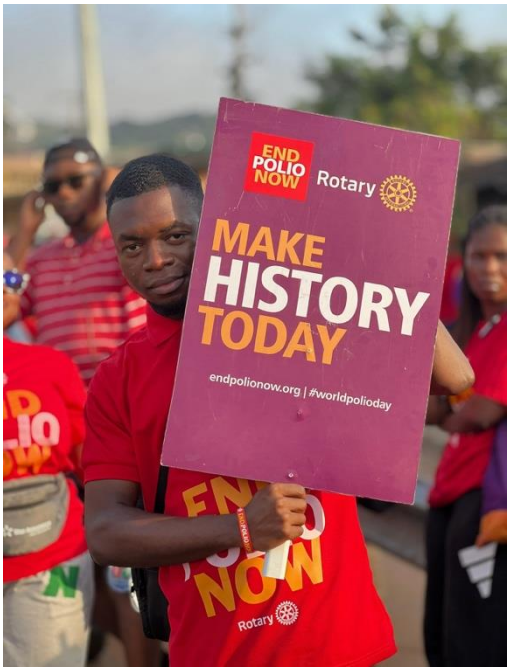
Walking for a Polio-Free World

A Journey of Service, Impact and Fellowship – Rotaract Club of Accra-Airport

Ultimately, the End Polio Walk was more than a walk from Ayi Mensah to Peduase, or a vaccination exercise in Kitase. It was a demonstration of what becomes possible when people unite around a common purpose. From every step taken to every child vaccinated and every moment shared, the day embodied the Rotary spirit of Service Above Self.

As we continue the journey towards a polio-free world, we are reminded that the fight is not over. Every vaccination counts, every volunteer matters, and every act of service brings us one step closer to a world where no child has to suffer from polio.

Together, we walk. Together, we serve. Together, we will end polio.











Rotaractors and Rotarians on the End Polio Walk and at the vaccination exercise in Kitase.

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7 October 2026

Classification Talk by Rtn Priscilla (Virtual)

Rtn Charity introduced Rtn Priscilla Akoto-Bamfo for her classification talk. With a background in Geography and Banking, Priscilla ventured into the rice value chain and established a women's cooperative with its own rice brand, building a business in a male-dominated field.

Describing herself as someone who likes to challenge the status quo, she shared tips for anyone starting out: have a plan, decide the business size, keep a budget, don't rob Peter to pay Paul, pay your statutory fees, have advisors, review your performance and have a ready market.

Rtn DH presented Rotary Information on a club plan for a collective walk on World Polio Day.

Attendance: 34 Rotarians and 2 guests.

Money Raised: GHS 240 in virtual meeting fines.

14 October 2026

Club Assembly

RP David shared a summary of the Board's discussions with members:

Global Grant: the Club's USD 4,000 commitment is in transition. **RYLA:** the Club has budgeted to sponsor 4 participants and invites members to sponsor more. **WAFP:** PAG TOT and Rtn Gifty to represent the Club in Lagos. **DG nominations:** a committee led by PE Richard and PP Peace will engage qualified members. **Club extension:** members agreed to form two new Rotary clubs. **My Rotary:** the membership list will be reconciled against registered accounts, and members will be helped to register.

PP Peace presented Rotary Information on a scalable maternal and child health programme in Nigeria by a Rotary Action Group.

Attendance: 24 Rotarians and 2 guests.

Money Raised: GHS 11,690 and USD 800, including GHS 4,160 and USD 150 for the Polio Fund.

28 October 2026

Induction of New Members

RP David introduced three inductees, Akua Birago Boa-Amponsem, Martin McDonald Appiah and James Eshun, who were pinned by their sponsors and introduced to their mentors and buddies (see page 11).

The Foundation Chair updated the Club on Arise for Polio, and PP Alice presented Rotary Information on notable honorary Rotarians William H. Gates Sr. and Bill Gates.

Attendance: 27 Rotarians and 3 guests.

Money Raised: GHS 4,140 and USD 240, including GHS 1,300 and USD 50 for the Polio Fund.



Fellowship at the 28 October meeting.

Meetings Recap

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New Members

Welcome to the Rotary Family

Three new members inducted on 28 October 2026



Rtn James, Rtn Akua and Rtn Martin with their induction certificates.

On Wednesday, 28th October 2026, the Club's meeting at The African Regent Hotel took on special significance as RCAA welcomed three new members.

In a short but memorable ceremony, RP David inducted three aspiring rotariants to the Club. Each was pinned by their sponsor and introduced to the mentor and buddy who will guide them through their first steps in Rotary.

Together they bring expertise in law, strategy and management, and business journalism: fresh perspectives that will strengthen the Club's service, fellowship and public image. Their induction is also a welcome boost to our membership growth this Rotary year (meet them on the next page).

To Rtn Akua, Rtn Martin and Rtn James: welcome aboard! To every member: please reach out, introduce yourself and help our newest Rotarians feel at home.







Inductees are pinned and receive their certificates.

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Meet Our New Members



Sponsor: **PP Alice**
Mentor: **PP Rosa**
Buddy: **PP Kofi Adu**
Group: **1**

Rtn Akua **Akua Birago Boa-Amponsem**

Corporate & Commercial Law

Akua is a legal practitioner with over five years' experience in corporate and commercial law, civil and commercial litigation, employment law and alternative dispute resolution. She practises with Citadel Legal Consult, having previously been a Senior Associate at PaaJoy Law Group and an associate at Bentum, Amoah & Co.

A University of Ghana LL.B. graduate who qualified at the Ghana School of Law, she is completing an LL.M. in Corporate and Commercial Law at the University of Ghana. Through FIDA Ghana's legal clinics she offers advice and mediation to women and vulnerable persons, and she took part in the 2026 Women in Law and Leadership in Africa (WELLA) programme. She is a member of the Ghana Bar Association.



Sponsor: **PAG Will**
Mentor: **PAG TOT**
Buddy: **PP Yoku**
Group: **4**

Rtn Martin **Martin McDonald Appiah**

Strategic Management & Consulting

Martin brings more than 20 years' experience across general management, human resources, marketing, business development and strategic consulting. He is General Manager of Parin Africa Ltd., leading corporate strategy, operations, finance and team development, and previously served as Managing Director of S&A Partners Ltd., with executive roles at Bluechip Business Consult Ltd. and Hippo Limited.

He holds an MBA in Strategic Management & Consulting (KNUST), a BBA in Human Resource Management and an HND in Marketing, is studying law at Central University, and is a member of CIAMC Ghana. Martin is no stranger to the Rotary family: he was an Interactor at Opoku Ware School and a Rotaractor at Kumasi Polytechnic.



Sponsor: **PAG Will**
Mentor: **Rtn Maggie Dee**
Buddy: **PAG Naana**
Group: **3**

Rtn James **James Eshun**

Business & Financial Journalism

James is a business journalist with the Multimedia Group's JoyBusiness desk, reporting across JoyNews TV, Joy FM and MyJoyOnline since 2021. He researches and produces news reports, features and documentaries, and interviews leading figures in Ghana's business sector.

His work earned him second runner-up in the Broadcast: TV & Video category of the 2025 Sanlam Group Financial Journalism Awards, and he was a finalist at the 2024 Pan-African Re-insurance Journalism Awards. A University of Ghana graduate in Economics and Geography, he cut his teeth at Radio Univers, where he hosted shows and headed the sports desk, and is studying Finance and Accounting at Accra Business School.

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PP Oboshie



Full name: **Oboshie Theresa Koko**
Classification: **Financial Management**
Member for: **25 years**
Group: **1**

Rtn Gifty



Full name: **Gifty Owusu-Afriyie**
Classification: **Fund Management**
Member for: **3 years**
Group: **1**

PP Nana Gyamfi



Full name: **Nana Gyamfi Acheampong**
Classification: **Traditional Ruler / Retail**
Member for: **23 years**
Group: **2**

Rtn Hilda



Full name: **Hilda Adobea Owusu**
Classification: **Pensions Management**
Member for: **10 years**
Group: **3**

Rtn Cynthia



Full name: **Cynthia Opoku-Asare Owuo**
Classification: **Social Entrepreneur**
Member for: **3 years**
Group: **4**

Rtn Priscilla



Full name: **Priscilla Akoto-Bamfo**
Classification: **Business Services**
Member for: **3 months**
Group: **4**

Get to know our members

Members Spotlight

Birthday Corner

Happy birthday to our members and their loved ones who celebrated in October! May the year ahead bring good health, joy and many more occasions to serve together.

05 *OCT* — **Kwasi** *(Rtn Abena)*

07 *OCT* — **Doris** *(PP Kofi B)*

11 *OCT* — **PP Round**

13 *OCT* — **Rtn Helga**

13 *OCT* — **Rtn Derrick**

16 *OCT* — **PDG Dave**

16 *OCT* — **Rtn Catherine**

17 *OCT* — **Susan** *(PDG Dave)*

30 *OCT* — **Rtn Poku**

Missed a birthday? Let the editorial team know so we can celebrate you in the next edition.



Arise for Polio 2026, 20 October

This edition of *Members Through The Lens* celebrates Arise for Polio 2026, the End Polio Walk and the induction of our newest members.

Members Through The Lens



End Polio Walk, 24 October 2026



Induction night, 28 October 2026

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Give the Gift of Life: District 9104 Blood Donation Drive



Ahead of National Blood Donor Day, District 9104 is holding a blood donation drive on **Friday 27th and Saturday 28th November 2026**. One donation can help save up to three lives.

Accra-Airport Rotarians, let's turn up for patients across Ghana:

Donate: roll up your sleeve. Members lead by example.

Bring someone: invite family, friends and colleagues to donate with you.

Spread the word: share on WhatsApp, social media and at work.

Venues and times will be shared soon.

Is Your My Rotary Account Set Up?

As agreed at the Club Assembly, the Club will reconcile its membership list against registered My Rotary accounts, and members who have not yet registered will be assisted. Anyone can create an account at **my.rotary.org**; what you can access depends on your membership and role.

Why register? Access the Rotary Learning Center and unlimited Rotary information, find the nearest club with the Club Locator, give to The Rotary Foundation, enjoy Rotary member discounts and, importantly, be counted.

Updates & Announcements

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Updates

2026 Council on Resolutions: The Results Are In

The 2026 Council on Resolutions, where clubs and districts propose ideas to the RI Board and Foundation Trustees, has concluded. Of 39 resolutions, **15 were adopted** and 24 rejected. The adopted resolutions are listed below; the proposal to revise The Four-Way Test was overwhelmingly rejected (34 to 395).

No.	Adopted resolution (summary)	Yes–No
26R-01	Encourage clubs to invite representatives of other organisations to club meetings	262–171
26R-03	Encourage clubs to use a three-year action plan	324–106
26R-06	Encourage clubs to waive admission fees for new members from their sponsored Rotaract clubs	251–183
26R-08	Permit districts to include Rotaract clubs as members of the incorporated district entity	284–145
26R-14	Establish a structured pathway for Rotaractors to move into Rotary by age 35	286–145
26R-17	Reaffirm the non-political nature of Rotary International	285–145
26R-18	Allow clubs to add district number and/or country to the Masterbrand Signature logo	238–191
26R-19	Develop a vertical version of the Rotary Masterbrand Signature logo	266–162
26R-23	Reaffirm commitment to promoting peaceful cultures and avoiding the “scourge of war”	281–150
26R-24	Introduce AI simultaneous interpretation at international meetings	316–113
26R-25	Establish sustainability guidelines for RI official events	323–104
26R-27	Add a conflict-of-interest clause to the Recommended Rotary Club Bylaws	317–114
26R-29	Adopt a protocol for developing enactments and resolutions at club and district level	222–206
26R-36	Allow carryover of unused Endowment Fund earnings to later years (Trustees)	270–160
26R-39	Allow Rotarians to transfer Paul Harris Recognition points to a club (Trustees)	264–170

Source: Rotary International, 2026 Council on Resolutions Results.

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Month Theme & Activities

THEME

This November, we celebrate **Rotary Foundation Month**. The Rotary Foundation turns Rotarians' generosity into projects that change lives close to home and around the world, from eradicating polio to providing clean water, supporting education and growing local economies.

At the Rotary Club of Accra-Airport, we mark the month by deepening our understanding of the Foundation's impact and stewardship, taking our service to communities in Accra Central through a deworming exercise, and recognising the Paul Harris Fellows whose giving keeps the Foundation strong.



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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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