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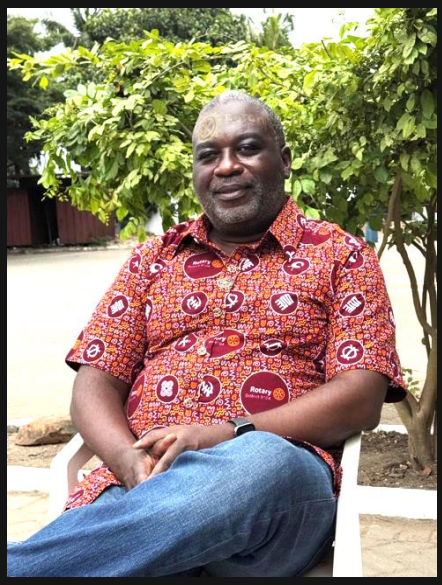
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Cruising in Service

- RP David

My dear Rotary family and friends,,



September carried us forward with purpose, demonstrating once again the impact we create when Rotarians unite in service, learning and fellowship.

During Basic Education and Literacy Month, we welcomed Mr Paul Semeh of the Street Children Empowerment Foundation for an insightful discussion on education and mentorship. We also enjoyed a general quiz, reflected on the continuing relevance of physical libraries, delivered the fourth phase of our microfinance project at Kasoa-Ofaakor, and gained valuable insights into investment and risk awareness from Mr Jude Addo, CEO of JA Group.

Our service also expanded through partnership. Together with other Rotary clubs, we are partnering the Rotary Club of Accra-East and Eau Claire on Protect Your Pearl, a nationwide cervical cancer initiative launched at the Teshie Community Clinic by the District Governor.

One planned fundraising session, however, had to be cancelled due to low attendance. It is a reminder that while not every member needs to be in the cockpit, everyone has a role in keeping our Club's flight purposeful. Whether through attendance, ideas, service, expertise or financial support, every contribution matters.

October brings us to the end of the first quarter of the Rotary year—an important checkpoint to review our flight plan. Our upcoming Club Assembly provides an important opportunity to review our progress, understand our governance and contribute to the journey ahead. I encourage every member to participate actively. I also encourage members who have not yet taken courses offered by Rotary Leadership Institute, Ghana Division to take advantage of these valuable learning opportunities available this month.

With October focused on Economic and Community Development, we cruise into the second quarter, let us remain aligned with our purpose, support one another and carry our service to even greater heights.

"Development is about transforming the lives of people, not just transforming economies." — *Joseph E. Stiglitz*

Yours in Rotary Service,

Rotarian David

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September Highlights & Achievements

12th September

Homowo Outing

11 th September

Protect Your Pearl Joint
Club Event

19st September

Launch of
Microfinance Project

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Highlights

Rotary Club of Accra-Airport joins the Protect Your Pearl 2.0 campaign



On Friday 11th September 2026, The Rotary Club of Accra-Airport joined

Rotary Clubs across the country for the launch of the Protect Your Pearl 2.0 campaign, a nationwide Cervical Cancer Screening Project. This project is being spear-headed by Rotary Club of Accra-East and Rotary Club of Eau-Claire.

The nationwide effort brought together 42 Rotary Clubs, 30 Rotaract Clubs and 4 Interact Clubs, including the Rotary Club of Accra-Airport, demonstrating the power of Rotary's family of clubs working together around a shared public-health goal: *to engage across the length and breadth of the country over the next 3 months to carry out Cervical Cancer screening for women in deprived communities.*

The launch event took place on 11 September 2026 at the Teshie Community Clinic in Accra, where cervical cancer awareness, screening and pre-cancer treatment were complemented by training for healthcare professionals in cervical cancer prevention and screening.

The Rotary Club of Accra-Airport will partner the Rotaract Club of Accra-Airport to conduct screening in the Gyamadu (Easter Region) and Kpotame (Greater Accra Region) CHPS compounds in collaboration with the Health personel in these two health facilities over the next 3 months.

The programme was supported by partners including the Ghana Health Service, Catholic Hospital Battor's Cervical Cancer Prevention and Training Centre (CCPTC), Health Community of West Africa, Essence Clinic & Medical Laboratory, and others.

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The programme builds on the success of the original Protect Your Pearl initiative. Its 2025 nationwide campaign screened more than 1,600 women across 29 facilities in all 16 regions, combining HPV testing and VIA, with treatment provided for eligible pre-cancerous lesions. The results, published in *PLOS ONE* in 2026, demonstrated the feasibility of a decentralized, nationwide approach to cervical cancer prevention.

For Rotary Club of Accra-Airport, participation in Protect Your Pearl is more than supporting a health campaign. It is an opportunity to help protect women's health, promote early detection and contribute to stronger communities.

Through collaboration across Rotary, Rotaract and Interact, we can help ensure that more women have access to the knowledge and services they need to protect their health.









RCAA members at the Protect Your Pearl event

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Increasing Awareness of Chronic Myeloid Leukemia (CML)

Rotarian Dr. Amma Benneh Akwasi-Kuma, a haematologist at Korle-Bu Teaching Hospital, as part of the Chronic Myeloid Leukemia Adovcates of Ghana (CMLAG), spearheaded an initiative to boost public education on Chronic Myeloid Leukemia (CML), a treatable blood cancer.



With public awareness in Ghana remaining low, she emphasized the vital role of international charitable partnerships in making life-saving care accessible.

Speaking via Channel One TV, she highlighted several key points regarding the blood cancer and patient care:

- **Free Medication Access**: CML treatment is highly expensive, with a single month's supply of necessary tyrosine kinase inhibitors costing roughly GHC 34,000 (~$3,000 USD) per person . Through a long-standing partnership, The Max Foundation and pharmaceutical partner Novartis supply these critical medications to patients at Korle-Bu Teaching Hospital entirely free of charge.
- **Full Shipping Coverage**: To ensure the treatment remains entirely cost-free for patients, The Max Foundation also covers all shipping and distribution costs required to bring the medicine safely into Ghana. Once the medicine is in the country, a waiver is sort to clear them from the ports.
- **Urging Early Detection**: Because early medical intervention dramatically increases survival rates, CMLAG is utilizing its public outreach to encourage Ghanaians to get regular medical check-ups and seek immediate clinical care if they experience unusual health symptoms.
- **Fighting Stigma**: Alongside medical accessibility, she highlighted that public education is crucial to erasing social stigma. With consistent access to these donated medications, CML patients can manage their illness effectively and live normal, fulfilling lives.

We applaud Rtn Ama's continued efforts to bring awareness to CML and other cancers, and continuing to raise high the flag of service above self.

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Highlights

Homowo Part Deux: Highlights – Editorial Team

Following the long tradition of opening up member homes for fellowship, PP Peace graciously invited the Club to our second Homowo celebration in a many months. Members showed up in their numbers

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









Rotary Club of Accra-Airport

Achievements

Rotary Club of Accra-Airport supports female petty-traders in Kasoa to build financial independence

The Rotary Club of Accra-Airport continued with its support of female petty traders in Kasoa, an initiative now which is now in its fourth year. This impactful initiative reflects the enduring commitment to empowering and improving the livelihoods of persons in under-served communities.

On September 19, 2026, the Club, in partnership with the Presbyterian Relief Services & Development (PRS & D) gathered in Ofaakor, a suburb of Kasoa in the Central Region, to engage with women in the community who had been identified as suitable beneficiaries for a working capital interest-free loan.

The grant, valued at Ghc 2,000 per beneficiary is intended for use as working capital to support the trading activities of the female traders. The project, delivered in partnership with PRS&D and the Rotary Club of Stainborough (UK), combines financial support with financial literacy and basic business management training.

This initiative in Kasoa, now in its **fourth year**, has benefited 24 beneficiaries thus far, and we look forward to continued collaboration with partners as we expand our reach in this community to empower female petty-traders and improve livelihoods.





Club President David Nyante, in his address, stated that ***"this program is not only about giving money but it is about creating opportunity, building financial discipline and empowering women to become increasingly self-reliant"***

The organizing committee thanked Club members and execution partners for their continued support of underserved communities.







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Rotaract Corner

Sometime, You Just Need to be There

– A Reflection on HEWALE 4.0 – Peki-Dzake



If not for anything else, Rotaract has taught me that sometimes the best thing you can do with your time is to give it away in service of somebody else. Not because you have nothing better to do, but because there is something deeply satisfying about knowing that, for a few hours, your energy, your hands and even your tired feet can make somebody else's day a little easier.

At exactly 6:00 a.m. on Saturday, 26 September 2026, a bus full of Rotaractors left Accra Mall for Peki-Dzake for HEWALE 4.0, a Health Screening and Medical Outreach. Some had come on their own, but for the majority of us, the bus was the beginning of the journey. There was the usual fellowship and chit-chat with the person sitting beside you, a little more noise from the boys at the back; if you know, you know, and the occasional stop along the way for people whose bodies had apparently not received the memo that we were on a schedule. I was seated in front, watching all this unfold, and a little after 9:00 a.m., we finally arrived.

By the time we got there, some of the Rotaractors from Tema Meridian and joint clubs, who had taken the lead in organising the outreach, had already done a lot of the heavy lifting. Tents were up, stations were taking shape, and the place had that familiar look of an event that had moved from WhatsApp planning to actual physical reality.

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Rotaract Corner

Sometime, You Just Need to be There

– A Reflection on HEWALE 4.0 – Peki-Dzake



At first, there almost seemed to be too many helping hands. Everywhere you looked, somebody was carrying something, arranging something or asking what needed to be done next. I found myself moving around, looking for where I could be useful without becoming that extra person standing around asking, “What can I do?” when there was clearly already enough of that.

Eventually, I noticed something happening under the consultation tents. The sitting arrangement was beginning to look like it could become a problem once the numbers increased, so I decided to step in and help manage the queue.

That was when the real work started.

Some of the older people who came for the screening were already quite fragile. A few needed to be moved forward because waiting for too long would simply be too much for them. Others had clearly been there for a while, and you could see the pressure building in their faces. Then there were those who had decided that the queue was more of a suggestion than an actual queue.

And there I was, trying to keep things orderly while speaking to people who were old enough to be my parents and grandparents, sometimes without fully understanding the language they were speaking back to me.
I would give an instruction, someone would respond passionately in a language I only partially understood, another person would join the conversation, and suddenly I was standing in the middle of what felt like a parliamentary debate for which I had not received the agenda.

But somehow, we managed.

A gesture here, someone translating there, a smile, a little patience, and occasionally the universal language of pointing in the direction someone needed to go. It was not perfect, but it worked.

After more than hours on my feet, though, I was tired. Properly tired. There is something humbling about spending hours trying to help people who, in another setting, you would instinctively want to give your seat to.

Yet that was also where I saw something I would probably have missed if I had spent the day simply moving from one task to another.

At the consultation station, an elderly woman was being helped by one of the female volunteers. She needed assistance getting around, and the volunteer did not seem in a hurry to get her anywhere. She simply stayed with her, helped her sit and made the next few steps easier.

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It was a small thing, almost easy to overlook in a day filled with consultations, tests, medication and people moving in every direction. But that was the point. Service is often made up of small things that never become statistics.

What stayed with me just as much was seeing Rotaractors I had not seen in a long while showing up and making themselves available to serve. Nobody seemed particularly concerned about whether the task was important enough to carry their name or whether somebody would notice who did it. There was simply work to be done, and people were willing to do it.

That, perhaps, is what I appreciated most about the day.



We went to Peki-Dzake because people needed healthcare closer to home, and the outreach provided consultations, testing, eye screening, dental examinations, medication, counselling and other services. But somewhere between the queues, the language confusion, the tired feet and the many helping hands, I was reminded that care is not always a grand gesture.

Sometimes it is giving someone your seat.

Sometimes it is helping an elderly woman move a few metres.

Sometimes it is standing in front of a queue for three hours while people argue with you in a language you are still trying to understand.

And sometimes it is simply showing up.



We left Accra early in the morning and returned carrying the usual evidence of a long day: tired bodies, tired feet and plenty of stories. But I think we also carried something quieter with us—the reminder that when people need help, you do not always need to have a perfect solution.

Sometimes, you just need to be there.

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Matters of the Club

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Get to know our members

Members Spotlight

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This edition of *Members Through The Lens* recollects and celebrates Club project and fellowship activities and Homowo celebrations.

Members Through The Lens

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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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Month
Theme & Activities

THEME

This October, we spotlight Rotary's **Economic & Community Development** focus. This is about creating opportunities that enable people to build better livelihoods and stronger communities.

At the Rotary Club of Accra-Airport, our work, from supporting education and entrepreneurship to empowering vulnerable communities, reflects our commitment to turning service into sustainable impact across Ghana.



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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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