



ROTARY GRIQUA

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IT'S NOT "YOUR" PROJECT

How many times do we hear Rotary members say, "We have our project in Kireberebe Kisunkaana?"

Let us get one thing right when dealing with economic and community development. And I will call this lesson one: it is not YOUR project. It is a community project that you are supporting. Along these lines, I thought sharing a few experiential lessons is not a bad idea.

Lesson two: A community where disease is a challenge will lose so much time being sick that they cannot focus usefully on any other initiative that will help them develop. You cannot address economic and community development if you have not addressed basic health.

Lesson three: A community that does not have clean water, and which does not understand the relationship between "dirty water" and disease will have resultant health challenges: diarrhea, eye diseases, cholera, etc. You might as well have a comprehensive Water, Health, and Sanitation component as part of your project.

Lesson four: We all know that illiteracy can be a major barrier, if not a full block, to any efforts related to development. This really means economic and community development must also look at the literacy and numeracy environment (along with the ability to interpret, create linkages, and apply what is read to personal empowerment and development).

Lesson five: Poverty is state of mind. If you do not address the mindset of those that have accepted poverty as their lot, all the rest is a waste of time. This is an intangible challenge and the solution must be in addressing the mind.

When the ground is fertile in terms of the elements above, enablers like skills development (chances are that these will relate to agriculture and other income generating opportunities in rural communities) can be introduced. Or all the elements can move simultaneously to create synergy. Microcredit, for example, is an enabler, not a solution. One realizes soon on in life (if one is lucky) that money is never a solution. Giving money to the poor does not make them rich: it makes them poor people with some transient cash.

What is clear is that in all the above, dedicated expertise will be required. So will partners with knowledge and experience in handling the different aspects. Cooperating organizations are now recognized as one of the key features of sustainable economic and community development. This does not mean Rotary members do nothing; they must also dig in and apply their skills. But being a Rotarian is not a full time job so we need a helping expert hand.

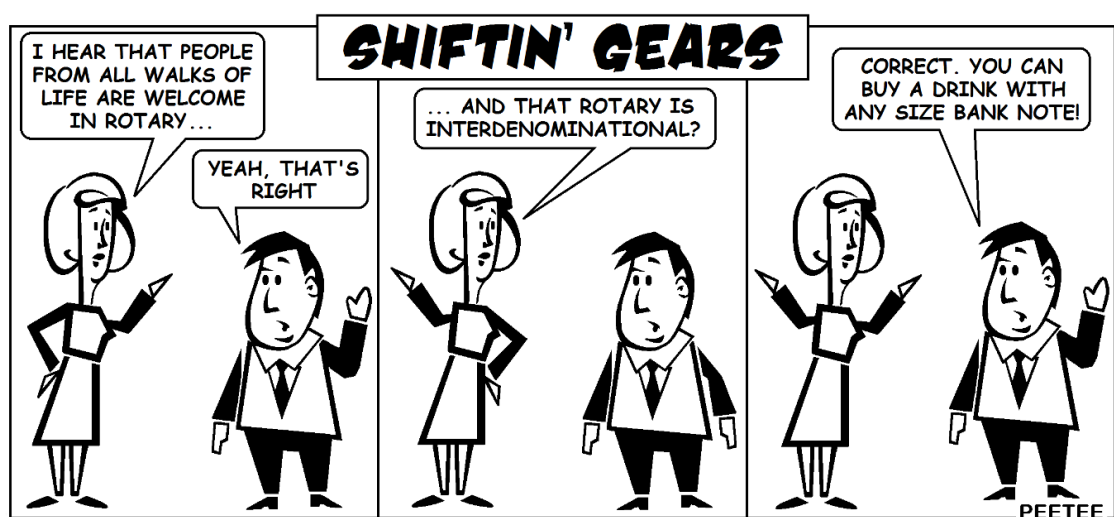
So you see, economic and community development is a totality approach, not a one-dimensional intervention. Which leads to one last lesson:

Lesson six: It is not the things we give to communities that create sustainability. It is what the community does in response to what we do as Rotary members. This is behavioral change. We are just catalysts, not part of the reaction. It is NOT our project. It is THEIR project. Lesson six is not so much a lesson, actually, as a truism.

By Dr. Francis "Tusu" Tsubira, a member of the Rotary Club of Kampala-North, Uganda

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CALENDAR & DUTIES

DECEMBER

Family Month

12 Dec: Club Meeting 12:45 for 13:00
16 Dec: DAY OF RECONCILIATION
19 Dec: Club Meeting 12:45 for 13:00
25 Dec: CHRISTMAS
26 Dec: DAY OF GOODWILL
26 Dec: No Club Meeting
27 Dec: PUBLIC HOLIDAY

JANUARY

Rotary Awareness Month

1 Jan: NEW YEAR'S DAY
2 Jan: PUBLIC HOLIDAY No Club Meeting
9 Jan: Club Meeting 12:45 for 13:00
16 Jan: Club Meeting 12:45 for 13:00
23 Jan: BOARD MEETING 12:45 for 13:00
30 Jan: Club Meeting 12:45 for 13:00

DUTIES

If you are unable to do a duty, please make arrangements for a substitute.

WEEK OF 12 DECEMBER

FELLOWSHIP: Sharon DeVilliers & Gill Quinn
CORPORAL: Luzaan Hoffman
TUES COFFEE CLUB: Colleen Fairweather

WEEK OF 19 DECEMBER

FELLOWSHIP: Ken Quinn & Peter Thomas
CORPORAL: Jannie Jacobs
TUES COFFEE CLUB: Peter Thomas

WEEK OF 9 JANUARY

FELLOWSHIP: Corlia v.T. & Amanda v.Z.
CORPORAL: Philip Maritz
TUES COFFEE CLUB: Sharon DeVilliers

WEEK OF 16 JANUARY

FELLOWSHIP: Pete v.Z. & Brenda Booth
CORPORAL: André Oberholzer
TUES COFFEE CLUB: Sharon DeVilliers

CELEBRATIONS

BIRTHDAYS

27 Dec Nikki Stewart-Hohne (Honorary)
05 Jan Annine Oberholzer
09 Jan Charles Parsons (Honorary)
15 Jan Maryna Thomas
18 Jan Clayton Daubermann
22 Jan Amanda Van Zyl
22 Jan Herbie Booth

WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

12 Jan Peter & Maryna Thomas
22 Jan Ken & Gill Quinn

INDUCTION ANNIVERSARIES

02 Feb 2010 André Oberholzer
24 Feb 2014 Colleen Fairweather

COFFEE CLUB BIRTHDAYS

20 Dec Alec Woodrow
27 Dec Chris Marnitz
07 Jan Dave Thomas
13 Jan Jannie Jacobs
16 Jan John Paton

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MEME OF THE WEEK

**MATHS PUNS ARE THE
FIRST SINE OF MADNESS**

