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Message from the Editor's Desk



Dear Rotarians and Friends,

Welcome to another exciting edition of our weekly bulletin!

Every Rotary fellowship offers an opportunity to learn something new, connect and reflect on the values that bring us together as Rotarians. This week's edition is no exception.

From conversations about generosity and personal well-being to building stronger teams, celebrating service and supporting the Rotary Foundation, we have quite a collection of stories and experiences to share.

Let me begin with our fellowship. On Tuesday, we were privileged to host Past District Governor Stephen Mwanje. His presentation was particularly timely as we commemorate November as Rotary Foundation Month.

> "Every Rotary fellowship offers an opportunity to learn something new, connect and reflect on the values that bring us together as Rotarians."

The conversation challenged us to look beyond the financial aspect of giving and appreciate the extraordinary possibilities that emerge when ordinary people unite around a common purpose.



This edition also explores the Rotary Foundation from another perspective through our coverage of the TRF Recognition Fellowship.

It is an opportunity to appreciate the generosity and commitment of Rotarians who continue to support the Foundation and its work around the world.

Beyond our conversations on service and philanthropy, we also turn our attention to the importance of cohesion and teamwork. Learn about the Seven Cs of Building Team Cohesion, as picked from our recent meet-and-greet

In "Applying Generosity, Everyone's Inbuilt Humanity, in the Service of Rotary," we explore generosity as an intrinsic human quality while raising important questions about trust, accountability and what motivates people to support causes they believe in. It is a fitting read as we continue reflecting on the spirit of giving.

Our personal reflection for the week, "Somewhere Between Motherhood, Marriage and Survival, She Lost Herself," takes us into



the often-unspoken realities of women's lives. It tells the story of a woman who has spent years caring for everyone else, managing responsibilities and putting her own dreams on hold.

But what happens when the demands of motherhood begin to ease and she finally has time to confront the person she has become?

It is a moving reminder of the importance of self-care, identity and making room for one's own aspirations.

Then comes Denis Jjuuko's #OutToLunch, with a sobering look at the uncertainties of gig work.

In "A Phone Call Shouldn't End a Gig Worker's Life," Denis examines the financial vulnerabilities facing freelancers, creatives, consultants and others whose livelihoods depend on securing the next assignment.

His reflections raise important questions about financial planning, savings and preparing for periods when opportunities are scarce. What a collection of perspectives!

My appreciation goes to our guest speakers, contributors, organisers and every member who continues to make our fellowships meaningful and our bulletin a publication worth looking forward to.



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Happy reading

President's Message

RTN CHRISTINE AMUCU
Club President
2026-2027



Dear Fellow Rotarians and Rotaractors,

Last Tuesday, we were privileged to have PDG Steven Mwanje share an inspiring message on "The Power of Us- Turning Ordinary Giving into Extraordinary Change."

He shared a personal experience of how he initially struggled to understand why he should contribute to the Rotary Foundation (TRF).

His perspective changed when he listened to the touching story of a woman with a disability whose life was transformed when Rotarians donated a wheelchair to her.

It was at that moment that he truly understood the power and impact of giving.

As Rotarians, we have a responsibility to give back to our communities, uplift those who are less privileged and create opportunities for people to live better lives.

He challenged clubs like Kampala Naalya to adopt communities and work towards transforming them through sustainable projects.

He also reminded us that TRF has strong accountability systems, ensuring that contributions are properly managed and put to meaningful use.

To strengthen giving and maximize our impact, he encouraged clubs to:

Be creative and innovative in mobilizing contributions
Improve the utilization of Global Grants.

Increase member participation in community projects
Engage corporates as partners in supporting our initiatives.

This Tuesday 17th November 2026, we shall have the TRF Recognition Fellowship, hosted by the Tuesday clubs at Hotel Africana.

Every donor will receive a special pin or souvenir from our District Governor. Clubs will also be recognized for their contributions as reflected in the Rotary Club Central system.
I encourage each one of us to participate in giving to The Rotary Foundation.

> "Every contribution counts. Every donor matters. Every gift lights a candle of hope."

Let us remember that giving is not about how much we have, but about the difference we can make with what we give.

As we continue to live our Rotary values, let us be guided by these words:
Every contribution counts.
Every donor matters
Every gift lights a candle of hope.

Together, let us turn ordinary giving into extraordinary change and create impact in the communities we serve.

May this Recognition Fellowship inspire each one of us to give or increase our contributions to TRF, while taking time to celebrate our collective impact, connect with fellow Rotarians and enjoy the fellowship.

Let us make it an occasion of generosity, appreciation and renewed commitment to the Rotary Foundation.

Let us give from the heart!

Yours in Service,

Rotary Kampala-Naalya

NOVEMBER 2026
TUESDAY FELLOWSHIP CALENDAR

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Are You Growing Wealth or Just Earning a Living?

Guest Speaker: *Rtn Percy Lubega*

7:00 PM
Ndere Cultural Centre

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The Power of Us:
Turning Ordinary Giving into Extraordinary Change.

Guest Speaker: *PDG Stephen Mwanje*

7:00 PM
Ndere Cultural Centre

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Rotary Foundation Recognition Fellowship

Hosted by the Tuesday Clubs

7:00 PM
Hotel Africana, Katonga Hall

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The Struggles We Don't Talk About:
Understanding the Silent Mental Health Crisis Among Today's Youth

Guest Speaker: *Dr Raymond Odokonyero*

7:00 PM
Ndere Cultural Centre

Hosted by Katogo Buddy Group



#CoverStory

PDG Stephen Mwanje Makes a Case for Greater Giving to The Rotary Foundation

BY **RTN SYLVIA NANKYA**

Past District Governor (PDG) Stephen Mwanje has called on members of the Rotary Club of Kampala Naalya to strengthen their support for The Rotary Foundation (TRF), saying increased contributions and participation are essential to expanding Rotary's impact on communities.



Speaking during a fellowship at Ndere Cultural Centre on November 10, 2026, under the theme "The Power of Us: Turning Ordinary Giving into Extraordinary Change," PDG Stephen challenged Rotarians to embrace a stronger culture of giving, innovation and accountability to enable the Foundation to respond to growing community needs.

He emphasised that supporting The Rotary Foundation should not be viewed merely as a financial obligation but as an opportunity for Rotarians to participate in sustainable initiatives that improve lives.

"We need to give back to the community. It is simply the right thing to do," was among the central arguments in his presentation, which outlined both the moral and practical reasons for supporting the Foundation. Mwanje also challenged members to recognise that giving has benefits beyond the immediate communities receiving assistance.

According to his presentation, supporting the Foundation makes business sense, creates opportunities for collective impact and gives donors the satisfaction of knowing that their contributions are changing lives.

> "We need to give back to the community. It is simply the right thing to do."

He further observed that difficult economic conditions make charitable giving even more important, as vulnerable communities are likely to face greater challenges during periods of economic hardship.

PDG Stephen traced The Rotary Foundation's history to 1917, when Rotary International President Arch Klumph proposed establishing an endowment to support Rotary's humanitarian work.

Klumph argued that Rotary, having established itself as a community service organisation, should accept endowments to enable it to do good in the world.

The Foundation's journey began with a contribution of $26.50 from the Rotary Club of Kansas City, Missouri.



Over the decades, it evolved into a major vehicle for Rotary's humanitarian, educational and peacebuilding initiatives.

Among the milestones highlighted in Mwanje's presentation were the renaming of the organisation as The Rotary Foundation in 1928, the introduction of Ambassadorial Scholarships in 1947, and the establishment of the Paul Harris Recognition programme in 1957.

Other developments included vocational and technical training scholarships in 1962, Group Study Exchange matching grants in 1965-66, the introduction of the 3-H Grants programme in 1978 and the launch of the PolioPlus programme in 1985. The presentation also highlighted the formation of Rotary Peace Fellows in 1987-88, the establishment of the Every Rotarian, Every Year initiative in 2004 and the introduction of the New Grant Model in 2010.

> "Supporting the Foundation makes business sense."

These milestones demonstrate how the Foundation has progressively expanded its capacity to support humanitarian interventions across the world.

Mwanje illustrated the Foundation's impact through examples of humanitarian interventions, including health programmes, access to clean water and sanitation, and support for vulnerable children.

His presentation featured images of children with disabilities, communities accessing water facilities and beneficiaries of health



interventions, demonstrating how Rotary-supported initiatives can translate financial contributions into practical improvements in people's lives.

He also highlighted the work of Rotarians for Family Health and AIDS Prevention (RHFAP), whose programme reached more than 1.58 million beneficiaries during the period presented.

The Foundation's mission, as outlined in the presentation, is to enable Rotarians to advance world understanding, goodwill and peace through improved health, support for education and the alleviation of poverty.



Pictorial: A Glimpse into Last Week's Fellowship










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#Leadership

The Seven Cs Guiding Rotary Kampala Naalya's Incoming Board

The Rotary Club of Kampala Naalya last weekend brought together its incoming 2027-28 Board, past club presidents and members for a BBQ Gathering and Meet & Greet aimed at strengthening relationships and preparing the incoming leadership team for the responsibilities ahead.

Held on Saturday, November 14, 2026, at the residence of PE Pamela and PAG Ron Kawaddwa, the gathering combined fellowship with practical leadership lessons and experience-sharing.

One of the key sessions was led by Rtn Mark Asiimwe of the Rotary Club of Saturday E-Jazz, whose presentation focused on Building Team Cohesion.

He highlighted eight essential elements that contribute to effective teamwork: Clarity, Communication, Collaboration, Commitment, Consistency, Collective Accountability, Credibility and Celebration.

On clarity, he emphasised the importance of ensuring that every team member understands the team's goals, individual responsibilities and expected outcomes. On Communication, he noted, it requires open, honest



and timely conversations that build trust and keep members aligned.

> "Knowing what you know now, what would you do differently?"

Collaboration, according to Rtn Mark, involves bringing together the different strengths and abilities of team members to achieve shared objectives, while commitment calls for a personal and collective resolve to the team's purpose and success.

The subsequent discussion looked at possible collaboration between the Rotary Club of Kampala Naalya and like-minded clubs on implementation of projects and initiatives.

He further underscored consistency as the discipline of showing up, delivering on promises and maintaining shared standards.

The other call was for Collective accountability, which he said requires members to own results together, celebrate achievements and address challenges as a team.

Credibility, the other C, is built by matching words with actions, upholding shared values and consistently earning the trust of others.

Finally, celebrating progress and recognising individual and collective contributions helps sustain motivation and strengthen team spirit.

The presentation offered the incoming board a practical framework



for working together and building a cohesive leadership team.

Another highlight was a session facilitated by PAG Flavia, during which past club presidents shared experiences from their respective tenures.

> “Celebrating progress helps sustain motivation and strengthen team spirit.”

Guided by the question, “Knowing what you know now, what would you do differently, and what challenges did you face during your presidency?”, the discussion provided the President-Elect with an opportunity to draw lessons from those who had previously served.

Past Presidents at the event included Charter President Francis Lakor, Inspirational President Denis Jjuuko, Connecting President Francis Lubuulwa, Opportunity President Herbert Oloka, and Change Maker President Sylvia Nankya.

The session was intended to empower the incoming President with practical insights into leadership, anticipate potential challenges, make informed decisions and build on the achievements of previous administrations.

Beyond the formal sessions, the BBQ gathering provided an opportunity for members to interact, strengthen friendships and build connections ahead of the new Rotary year.

The engagement was particularly important in equipping the President-Elect with the knowledge and perspectives needed to approach the incoming term with greater confidence, anticipate potential challenges and make informed leadership decisions.

It also reaffirmed the importance of mentorship, teamwork and continuity in ensuring effective club leadership.

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11 NOV Birthday

PDG. anne NKUTU

A visionary leader and an inspiration to us all. Thank you for serving with grace, purpose, and heart. Wishing you abundant joy, good health, and a year filled with even greater impact! We celebrate and honour you!

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#SolRise

Somewhere Between Motherhood, Marriage and Survival, She Lost Herself

BY **JACKLINE MUTIMBA**

SHE REMEMBERS EVERYONE'S NEEDS, BUT WHEN WAS THE LAST TIME SHE THOUGHT ABOUT HER OWN DREAMS?

Ask a woman what her children want to become, and she will probably tell you without hesitation. Ask about her husband's plans, the family's next big expense or what needs to be done at home, and she will likely have an answer.

Now ask her a different question.

"What do you want for yourself?"

You might be surprised by the silence.

Not because she has no dreams, but because nobody has asked her that question in a very long time.

> "Not because she has no dreams, but because nobody has asked her that question in a very long time."

Perhaps she hasn't even asked herself. There was a time when she had plans. She wanted to further her education, grow a business, travel, build a career or simply enjoy the freedom of doing things she loved.

Then came marriage, children, bills, school fees and the everyday demands of keeping a family going. One responsibility followed another. She kept postponing her plans, promising herself she would return to them when things settled down.

"When the children are older."

"When we are financially stable."

"When things become easier."

But the children grew, the bills increased and new responsibilities replaced old ones.

Before she knew it, years had passed.

And somewhere along the way, the woman with dreams became the woman everyone depended on.



Think about a woman running a small business in Kampala. She opens her shop every morning, hoping sales will improve. Some days are good. Others are painfully slow.

Whatever she earns must stretch between business expenses, household needs, school fees and family obligations.

She once dreamed of expanding her business. These days, she is mostly concerned about keeping it open. Or consider the professional woman who put her postgraduate studies on hold when the children were young.

Years later, she still talks about returning to school, but something always seems more urgent.

Then there is the mother whose children are now teenagers. For years, her life revolved around school runs, homework, meals and family routines. As they become more independent, she begins wondering what to do with the time she once wished she had.

> “Somewhere along the way, the woman with dreams became the woman everyone depended on.”

These women may have different experiences, but their stories raise an important question.

What happens when a woman spends so much of her life meeting other people’s needs that she gradually loses touch with her own? The difficult part is that many women genuinely love the lives they have built. They love their children.



They value their marriages and families. They take pride in supporting others. Yet they sometimes miss the person they used to be.

And admitting that can bring guilt.

How can she complain when she has a family? Isn’t she supposed to be grateful? Don’t other women have bigger problems?

But wanting something for yourself does not mean you love your family any less.

A woman can be grateful for motherhood and still miss her independence. She can love her marriage and still want personal space.

She can appreciate her responsibilities and still feel disappointed about opportunities she never pursued.

These feelings are not necessarily signs of a mental health condition.

Sometimes, they reflect the emotional challenges of changing roles, unmet expectations and personal transitions.

However, persistent sadness, hopelessness or loss of interest in everyday life should not be ignored.

For some women, these questions become louder in their 40s and 50s.

They look back at the years that have passed and wonder whether it is too late to begin again.

Too late to study. Too late to start a business. Too late to change careers. Too late to discover something new about themselves.

But perhaps the more important question is: Who decided that a woman's dreams have an expiry date?

Rediscovering oneself does not always require leaving a job, changing a marriage or making a dramatic decision.

Sometimes, it begins with something small. Returning to a forgotten hobby. Registering for a course. Meeting an old friend. Setting aside money for a personal goal. Or simply learning to say, "This matters to me, too."

Families and partners have a role to play by sharing responsibilities and supporting women's aspirations rather than treating them as secondary. As Rotarians, we often support women through education, mentorship, economic empowerment and community service.

But beyond helping women provide for their families, we should also encourage them to pursue their own ambitions and well-being.

Because empowering a woman is not only about what she can do for others.

It is also about helping her build the life she wants for herself.

> "Perhaps this week, instead of asking a woman only about her children, husband, work or family, ask her something different."

Perhaps this week, instead of asking a woman only about her children, husband, work or family, ask her something different.

"What is one thing you have always wanted to do for yourself?"

And whatever her answer, don't dismiss it.

Because somewhere behind the responsibilities, the sacrifices and the years of putting everyone else first, there may still be a dream waiting for someone to take it seriously.

And that someone should include her.



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The Rotary Foundation

Call for INNOVATIVE IDEAS

How Is Your Club Inspiring Members to Give to The Rotary Foundation?



1. Who Can Participate?

All Rotary Clubs in District 9213.

2. What to Submit

One innovative idea your club has used to inspire members to give to The Rotary Foundation.

3. SUBMISSION REQUIREMENTS

- Club Name
- Idea Name
- What You Did
- Total Amount Contributed
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- 1 Photo/Video (Optional)

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#Health

Heart & Soul Rendezvous Raises UGX 100 Million for Mengo Hospital Rotary Blood Bank



The Mengo Hospital Rotary Blood Bank has received a major boost in its efforts to improve access to safe blood, following a 100 million Shillings contribution raised during the second edition of the Heart & Soul Rendezvous event held over the weekend.

The contribution, made by the organisers alongside headline sponsor Ecobank Uganda, will go towards purchasing essential equipment and supplies required for blood transfusions and the day-to-day operations of the blood bank, strengthening its capacity to support patients in need of life-saving blood.

Held on November 14, 2026, at Premier Gardens in Kigo, the exclusive, invite-only gathering brought together business leaders, government officials, Rotarians and other distinguished guests for an evening of soul, jazz and R&B music, with a shared commitment to supporting a cause that touches countless lives.

At the heart of the initiative is the growing need to address Uganda's persistent blood shortage.

Figures by the Uganda Blood Transfusion Services (UBTS) indicate that the country requires approximately 450,000 units of blood annually but collects only about 300,000, leaving a deficit of roughly 150,000 units.

> "At the heart of the initiative is the growing need to address Uganda's persistent blood shortage."

While other estimates place annual demand at around 400,000 units, the figures point to the same challenge: a significant gap between the blood available and what patients need.

Blood remains indispensable in managing pregnancy-related complications, childbirth emergencies, severe malaria and anaemia among children, road traffic accident injuries, surgical procedures and conditions such as cancer and sickle cell disease.

Speaking about the initiative, Ecobank Uganda Managing Director Grace Muliisa described Heart & Soul Rendezvous as more than an evening of entertainment, emphasising its power to bring people together around a cause that makes a tangible difference in people's lives.

She added that the event provides an opportunity to combine music, meaningful connections and corporate social responsibility, while drawing attention to the vital work of the Mengo Hospital Rotary Blood Bank and the importance



of ensuring that patients have access to safe blood when they need it most.

Guests were treated to a rich musical experience, with one of the night's standout moments coming when Muliisa, popularly known as DJ Bo, joined Aggrey Ashaba behind the DJ booth.

Taking to the decks, Muliisa surprised and delighted guests with a soulful selection of Rhythm and Blues, drawing guests to the dance floor. In a playful reflection on her experience, she remarked, "Music is like a drug, and she just tested one!"

It was a moment that captured the spirit of the evening: music as a universal language capable of connecting people, creating joy and inspiring collective action.

The event attracted several prominent government and Rotary leaders, including Hon. Dr Charles Ayume, Minister of State for Health in charge of Primary Health Care, and Hon. Phiona Nyamutoro, Minister of State for Energy and Mineral Development in charge of Minerals.

> "Taking to the decks, Muliisa surprised and delighted guests with a soulful selection of Rhythm and Blues, drawing guests to the dance floor.."



The Rotary delegation included Rotary International Director Emmanuel Katongole, who is also the founder and visionary behind the Mengo Hospital Rotary Blood Bank.

Also present were Past District Governors Robert Waggwa Nsibirwa, Geoffrey Martin Kitakule and Christine Kyeyune Kawooya, alongside Timothy Basima, Chairman of the Board of the Mengo Hospital Rotary Blood Bank, and other board members.


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District 9213 to Honour Clubs and Individuals for Foundation Giving

Rotary clubs and individual members across the District will be recognised for their contributions to The Rotary Foundation at a special recognition fellowship scheduled for Tuesday, November 17, 2026, at Hotel Africana.

Organised by Tuesday Clubs across District 9213, the Rotary Foundation Recognition Fellowship will begin at 6:00 p.m. and bring together Rotarians and Rotaractors to celebrate generosity, commitment and the collective efforts that continue to advance Rotary's humanitarian work.



The fellowship will recognise clubs and individuals whose contributions have supported various Rotary Foundation programmes, including polio eradication, while encouraging a stronger culture of giving to sustain Rotary's impact in communities.

> "It will celebrate the difference Rotarians make when they pool their resources, embrace innovative giving and translate generosity into sustainable community impact."

The Chief Guest will be Rotary International Director Emmanuel Katongole, whose participation is expected to highlight the importance of giving and collective responsibility in advancing Rotary's mission.

The recognition will cover contributions made between July 1 and November 17, 2026, with awards spanning several categories designed to acknowledge different forms and levels of generosity.

Among the categories will be the top three clubs in overall Foundation giving, the top three polio-giving clubs, clubs with the highest number of Paul Harris Fellows across all levels, and those with the highest numbers of Major Donors, Paul Harris Society members and Polio Society members.

The District will also recognise clubs with the highest number of Every Rotarian, Every Year (EREY)-eligible members, the top three all-giving clubs and those that have recorded improvements in Foundation contributions compared to the corresponding year-to-date period in 2025.

In recognition of innovative approaches to fundraising, five clubs that have mobilised the highest contributions through the Give to Impact Link will also be honoured.

Additional recognition will go to clubs that have contributed at least US$5,000 to The Rotary Foundation, individuals who have made major gifts, and clubs that have

developed innovative initiatives to increase Foundation giving.

Clubs seeking recognition for innovative giving initiatives will be required to submit details of their ideas, the total amount raised and the number of members who contributed through those initiatives.

This is intended to showcase practical approaches that other clubs can adopt to strengthen their own fundraising efforts.

Beyond club-level recognition, all individual contributors to The Rotary Foundation will receive special recognition from the District Governor.

Ultimately, the evening will be about more than awards.

It will celebrate the difference Rotarians make when they pool their resources, embrace innovative giving and translate generosity into sustainable community impact.






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HAPPY Birthday IPP. charles OWEKMENO



A year ago you were carrying the whole club on your shoulders, and you did it with class. Today we just say thank you.

May this new chapter bring you rest, laughter, and bigger wins. May your enemies miss, your blessings locate you and your phone only ring with good news! Happy Birthday, Big Man! We treasure you!

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#Peace

The Africa Peace Concert's Journey Towards a More Peaceful Continent

BY **RTN SYLVIA NANKYA**

When the Africa Peace Concert was conceived six years ago, its ambition went beyond bringing people together through music. It sought to harness the power of collective giving to support peacebuilding initiatives, strengthen communities, and develop a generation equipped to address conflict across Africa.

Six years later, the initiative has built a growing record of financial contributions, training programmes, and community interventions, raising more than US$2 million to support the Makerere University Rotary Peace Centre.

As the concert prepares for yet another edition on November 27, 2026, organisers are looking back at a journey that has gradually transformed an annual musical gathering into a fundraising platform for peacebuilding across the continent.

According to figures released by the organisers, the Africa Peace Concert has mobilised US$2,040,958 over the past six years.

> "Through the funds raised, 12 cohorts have received full funding to train peacebuilders drawn from different parts of the world."

The money has supported the Makerere University Rotary Peace Centre, whose work focuses on developing peacebuilders and strengthening local capacity to prevent and respond to conflict.

Through the funds raised, 12 cohorts have received full funding to train peacebuilders drawn from different parts of the world.

The programme has also trained 223 peace fellows, equipping them with practical skills to address local violence, influence policy, settle land disputes and support the reintegration of refugees.

The initiative's reported achievements also include 186 completed social change initiatives across 52 countries.

These projects have addressed issues ranging from food security and peace journalism to efforts aimed at getting girls back into school.

One of the most significant aspects of the Africa Peace Concert's journey is the connection between fundraising and practical interventions.



The Makerere University Rotary Peace Centre provides a platform through which resources mobilised by the concert can support the development of peacebuilding professionals and initiatives.

The training of 223 peace fellows, for instance, represents an investment in people who can take the knowledge and skills acquired into their respective communities.

Similarly, the 186 social change initiatives demonstrate how peacebuilding can translate into practical interventions addressing everyday challenges that affect stability and social cohesion.

With beneficiaries and initiatives spanning 52 countries, the programme's reported reach also gives the Makerere University Rotary Peace Centre a wider continental and international footprint.

However, sustaining this work requires more than the success of one fundraising event.

It calls for consistent financial support, partnerships and a growing community of people willing to invest in peacebuilding.

This year's edition of the Africa Peace Concert comes at a time when organisers are seeking to sustain the achievements recorded over the past six years while strengthening the financial foundation of the Makerere University Rotary Peace Centre.

Scheduled for Friday, November 27, 2026, at Speke Resort Munyonyo, the concert will be held under the banner of the All-Africa Zone Institute Uganda 2026. The event will run from 3 pm to 6 pm East African Time, with provisions for both physical and virtual participation.

Under the theme, Building Peace, One Note at a Time, the concert is expected to bring together Rotarians, Rotaractors, peace advocates, development partners and members of the public in support of a common cause.

> "Participation requires a minimum contribution of US$100, which caters for both physical and virtual attendance."

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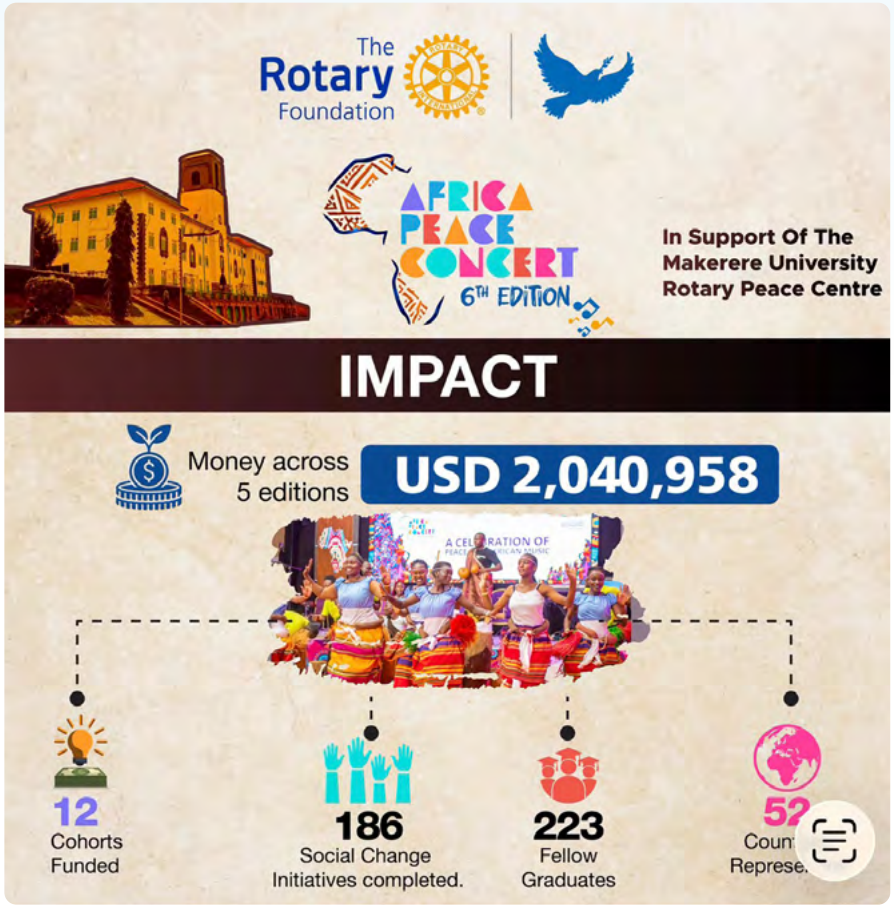
According to the organisers, all proceeds will go towards supporting the sustainability of the Makerere University Rotary Peace Centre.

Beyond purchasing a ticket, supporters can also contribute directly to the Rotary Foundation's Endowment Fund by selecting Peace Centres as their area of support.

The emphasis on the Endowment Fund is particularly significant because it provides a mechanism for building a more sustainable financial foundation for the work of Rotary Peace Centres.

The Africa Peace Concert takes place on Friday, November 27, 2026, at Speke Resort Munyonyo. The minimum participation contribution is US$100 for both in-person and virtual attendance. Tickets are available through tinyurl.com/rotary=peace-26.

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Elder's Eye

Applying Generosity, Everyone's Inbuilt Humanity, in The Service of Rotary

BY **RTN GODFREY OKELLO-OMODING**

Generosity is not just a sign of being responsible, good, kind, and mindful; it is inbuilt humanity structured externally by culture, traditions, history, and philosophy. We give because we are human. We continue to invest in generosity, either consciously or unconsciously. We care about inheritance because of generosity.

We innovate for generosity. We adapt and take on traditions for generosity. We keep changing habits and belonging to exercise and have the opportunity to express generosity.

We love to express generosity. We respond to doing good because of generosity. Sample around interactions among human beings, it reveals different kinds and degrees of generosity.

However poor a person may be, there is something he can share. He does share because generosity is inbuilt. Even at work, you give your labour not entirely because you have to earn a living; there is always a degree of generosity.

Happiness, to a large extent, is derived from generosity. Even when secrets are shared, behind it is generosity.

We join structured organisations, especially those of a philanthropic nature like Rotary, because largely we want to find ways of expressing generosity. These organisations strengthen our own inbuilt generous nature, and they further define the direction that our generous efforts should go.

> "Even at work, you give your labour not entirely because you have to earn a living; there is always a degree of generosity."

It can as well be argued that generosity is also spiritual in nature because it is internally embedded- often referred to as a thing of the heart. What only differs among people is the degree of embedment, motivation, beliefs and endowment.

We all know that we give because there is, at least, something to give out. Not how much or what kind, but what we control and are responsible for and can either freely or sacrificially give out. Of course, there are cases when people give out things because they no longer need them.

Still, holding is being generous and having a generous spirit. Also, there are givings purposed to advance something.

It may be out of beliefs or motivation for the cause, moving away from the



status quo. This is directed toward making anything considered unsuitable change, ensuring nothing remains unchanged.

The act of generosity signifies much more than just helping; it bears belief in the cause.

It is from the heart. Some people sometimes withhold their generosity out of fear that it was used or is abused, misappropriated or directed to what it was not meant for.

Generosity comes with a demand for unique trust, accountability and a need for wisdom in the use of what is received.

Asking questions like these: Are those receiving honest? Are they transparent? Can they account for it?

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Generosity hates opaqueness and lack of appreciation.

It loves a culture of proper use, accountability and making an effort to cause change. Such acts are magnetic attractions of generosity. Similarly, in Rotary this year, we are rallied by the theme, "creating lasting impact".

This theme not only enriches our collective efforts and spirit in giving but also ensures that we build for future generations. If we are building a school, let it last and let many pupils benefit from it. Let invaluable knowledge and skills be generated from it for a long time.

Rotarians, giving funds to the Rotary Foundation (TRF) is part of expressing our inbuilt humanity, and it is about results, not rhetoric.

Conversations on giving sometimes get narrowed to amounts and title-bearing, prohibiting constructive conversations on other fronts. We fail to see what small additions can bring from many members participating. We fail to engage in triggering factors holding back the spirit.

Ultimately, the delivery of giving comes from commitments of members-coming from the hearts. But it also needs sparking for all to happen.

This month is time for a renewed concern for supporting those in need through TRF. Indeed, you have been concerned, but you had no opportunity to show it; to use the words of the Apostle Paul (Philippians 4:10). It is good for us to share in our generosity with those in need. Being generous to the cause of supporting the needy is spiritual too.

The funds we give are gifts which the Apostle Paul assures us: "They are a fragrant offering, an acceptable sacrifice, pleasing to God (Philippians 4:18)". Therefore, for the believers in any faith, remember that there will always be those in need amidst us. We ought to learn always to translate our faith into action for them.

As we come together in our clubs and in Rotary, we have an avenue to channel our generosity and be responsible for those in need. This is all that this month is reminding us about and showing us: TRF is an avenue to reach far and wide.



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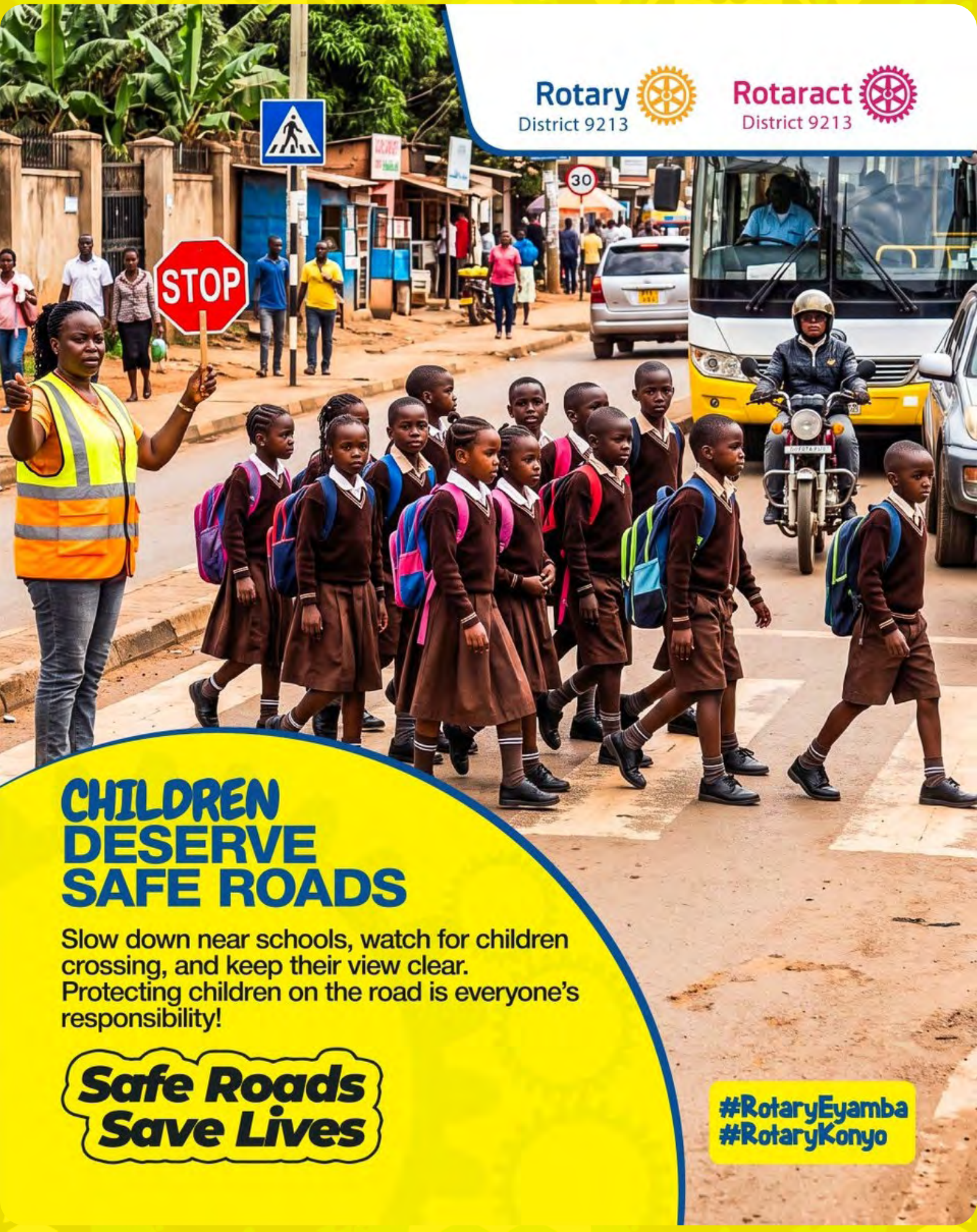


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#OutToLunch

A Phone Call Shouldn't End a Gig Worker's Life

BY **DENIS JJUUKO**

More than a week ago, a popular comedian died suddenly after reportedly receiving a phone call from his landlord.

The story goes that he had missed a payment and the landlord wanted their money. He didn't have it. He collapsed and was pronounced dead. May his soul rest in peace.

We heard that the comedian, who also doubled as a political influencer, hadn't earned for a while. His political friends promised money at his funeral. The irony of life!

Creative work is mainly gig work.

And one of the most common features of the gig economy is income irregularity. Some sectors are seasonal. Work is only available during particular months in a year or as and when clients need it.

> "Delivering quality work on time is key, as it leads to repeat clients."

Today, more and more young people are joining the gig economy as jobs with regular, predictable incomes become fewer.

As economies tighten, businesses tend to hire



people for a specific activity rather than traditional 9-5 employment to save money. They are willing to pay a bit more for the activity since it is short-term or even a one-off.

Gig work can be interesting for those involved. You can work from home or anywhere. You can choose when to work or sleep.

You can manage your time the way you want, though it comes with much more personal responsibility.

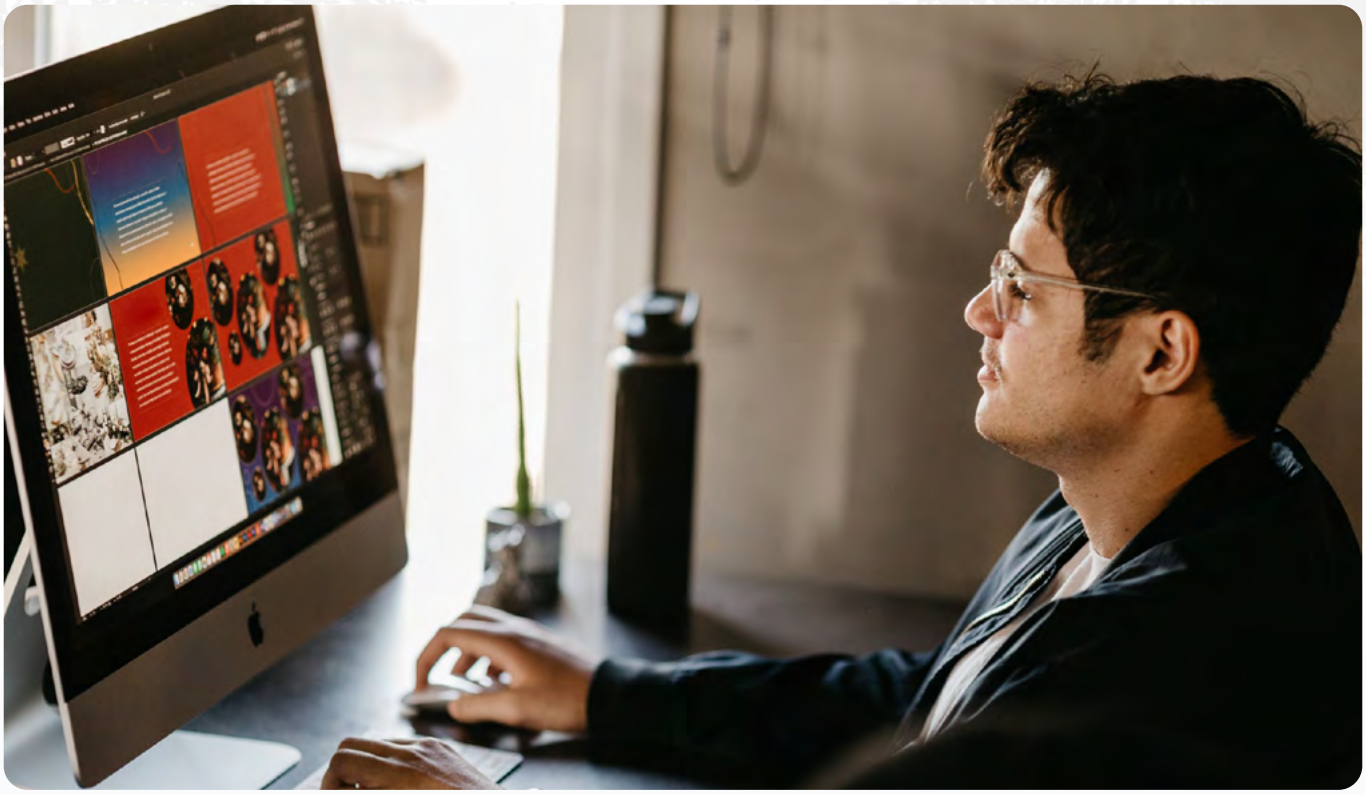
Self-discipline is critical for one to succeed. Delivering quality work on time is key, as it leads to repeat clients.

Managing money is important. You may easily get paid once a quarter or not at all. How you survive the other months is critical.

Our schools and even homes still largely don't teach us about handling money. At work, it is also the same. You get paid, and everyone assumes you know what to do next.

In the past, households knew a bit about what to do with their harvests, the salary or income of the time. Some food was kept in the granary. Keeping seeds for the next planting season was non-negotiable.

In some parts of Uganda, you had to grow food that could remain fresh for a long time, such as white yams, pumpkins and cassava. If



there was a drought, such food would come in handy. A ceiling in the kitchen ensured there was firewood ready to use during the rainy season.

As Uganda urbanises, many households are increasingly depending on cash to buy food and other necessities. They aren't growing white yams or cassava.

This means that their saving methods have to be different from those of their forefathers. Investing money in assets that can provide regular returns and cushion the family when gigs aren't coming in or when the sector has moved on is important.

As we grow older, there are things we can't keep doing. Some work becomes difficult to do because of age. Audience trends and preferences change.

New technologies can easily replace us or enable people to depend less on even gig workers.

For example, I see a lot of posters today designed by artificial intelligence applications. I am able to tell because they are poorly designed.

And that is why a graphic designer using AI may do a better job, but many people today don't care. Just ask Meta AI to design a flyer, and they share.

Eventually the market will stop accepting them, but that may be too late for the gig worker who hasn't prepped for this.

People with regular jobs have some income safety nets. Even when the economy is bad, many employers still try as much as possible to meet their staff's salary obligations. And many can't simply wake up and downsize.

Those in large organisations may even be paid advances before they are laid off. For gig workers, the call for work simply doesn't come in, yet the bills have to be paid.

Many gig workers are one phone call away from a possible heart attack.

Gig workers, therefore, have to think of their own safety nets.

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Medical insurance, savings and investments whenever payments come in for either their retirement or to use when the services are no longer needed or when the invoice is taking longer to be settled.

Delaying gratification and knowing that they are largely on their own is critical.

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