



The HC Rock Newsletter



Rotary Club of Harare Central

ROTARY CLUB OF HARARE CENTRAL CELEBRATES WOMEN'S MONTH



International Women's Day is a global day celebrating the social, economic, cultural and political achievements of women.

The day also marks a call action for accelerating women's equality.

Rotary is filled with inspiring women. The Rotary Club of Harare Central Club boasts of having 24 women from an active membership of 34.

Women are motivated everyday to do extraordinary things, positively changing the lives of people halfway around the world.

The goal of Women's Month is to highlight the achievements and contributions made by a variety of women in a variety of fields.

#Choose to Challenge
#WomenRotarians

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12-16 JUNE
**2021 VIRTUAL
 CONVENTION**

WOMEN SERVING IN ROTARY

This March being Women's month, HC Rock Newsletter featured women Rotarians, read and be inspired by their Rotary stories. Hear what led them to Rotary, the opportunities it opened, the family connections and the service projects that they are passionate about.

ROTARIAN FLO

I worked with a boss who was passionate about corporate social responsibility. This also propelled me to give to disadvantaged groups. In addition, I have inherent values to assist the less fortunate than myself which prompted me to begin charity at home by taking through school those with parents who could not afford school fees. Therefore, when I was invited into Rotary, the "service above self" mantra, resonated well with my own objectives.

I like mentoring young people into focused and well exposed young adults. Another area I am also interested in is the clean water and sanitation objective. I therefore hope that in future we have more of such programmes. It breaks my heart when I go to disadvantaged suburbs of our city to see raw sewage running down the streets. The fellowship associated with Rotary is priceless and yet so fulfilling. I therefore wish that going forward, I will participate more in service projects and foster friendships more than ever before.



ROTARIAN SANE

Naturally I am a philanthropic person, I like serving, the motto service above service is my personal motto and being a Rotarian I am part of a bigger picture in service above self as it is also an international organisation.

Due to Rotary I have met wonderful people who share the same values as I do, and who are now family to me. Service projects that I am passionate about is the wheelchair distributions. I feel touched by the joy and gratitude displayed by the recipients. The New Generations committee that I am currently chair, I love working with the youth and giving them direction in life.



ROTARIAN CATHY

I have always had a passion about human, community and social development. Rotary as an organisation that seeks to serve people became imperative in addressing my passion. As a Rotarian I have been able to participate in helping our country grow by attending to the needs of those less privileged. I have taken part in the wheelchair and book projects and I serve in the training and Foundation committees.



ROTARIAN MABEL

I work in development and have promoted community needs in rural and disadvantaged urban communities. I used to interact with Rotarians when I was in college. Coming home has afforded me the opportunity to interact with Rotarians in Zimbabwe through various community initiatives. My interest has always been giving my time for a worthy cause! I enjoy being in Foundation committee as I love to watch an idea come to life.



KNOW YOUR ROTARIANS

In this issue of "Know Your Rotarian" meet Rotarian Thelma Ncube

PR: Tell us how you came to know about Rotary and how many years have you been a member?

Rtn: I have had an interest over the years, had personal conversations with some long serving members, Mrs. Chirwa (Chipinge), Mrs. Zembe (Msasa), and Vijay Patel but in this particular time I was coerced and invited by PP Locardia whom I have known for more than 10 years.

PR: Can you tell us briefly about yourself?

Rtn: I am a mother of three, two biological and one (late sister-in-law's son) and married traditionally to Dumaphi Mabhena for 16 years. My professional background is Supply Chain Management. I have served in fashion and retail industry for 23 years with experience in both Edgars and Truworths. I am currently employed by Truworths Group of Companies as Group Product Manager responsible for buying, manufacturing and projects department.

I am also a Board Member of Fashion Council of Zimbabwe and I head The Innovation and Development Committee whose primary aim is to identify, develop and groom seasoned companies and young entrepreneurs in the industry.

PR: Can you share with us what motivates you?

Rtn: I joined the committee that works with schools, especially the interact club as I have been actively involved with Youth Ministries for 30 years. Children are our future and I find satisfaction and complete in changing the world through a child.

PR: Which projects have you attended and been involved in and how were you impacted?

Rtn: I have just joined Rotary and am still yet to attend one of the projects.

PR: Would you recommend Rotary and why?

Rtn: Yes, definitely, Rotary opens doors to the marginalised and vulnerable.

In this issue of "Know Your Rotarian" meet PP Norman Karidza who has recently transferred from Rotary Club of Hwange to Rotary Club of Harare Central.

PR: Tell us how you came to know about Rotary and how many years have you been a member?

PP: I knew about Rotary in 2013 soon after joining Zimbabwe Power Company based at Hwange Power Station. I was introduced to Rotary Club of Hwange by a colleague, fellow work mate and Rotarian Nomsa Windisch and was subsequently inducted in August 2013 by PDG Stella Dongo.

PR: Can you tell us briefly about yourself?

PP: I am a married man, blessed with two girls. An Engineer by profession currently working for City of Harare as Chief Engineer in the Works Departments. Previous work experience includes Mining, Properties, Manufacturing and Energy Sectors. I am passionate about non-competitive sporting activities such as chess, soccer, athletics and golfing. Currently I am a member of Chapman golf club. I am still to join a committee but greater chances are that I will join the

PR: Can you share with us what motivates you?

PP: There are number of things that motivate me but to mention just a few; putting a smile on someone's face, by whatever means, the desire to achieve my set targets, be it daily, weekly, monthly, yearly and so on and carrying out my engineering practice in a way that has a direct impact and transforms the economy at large.

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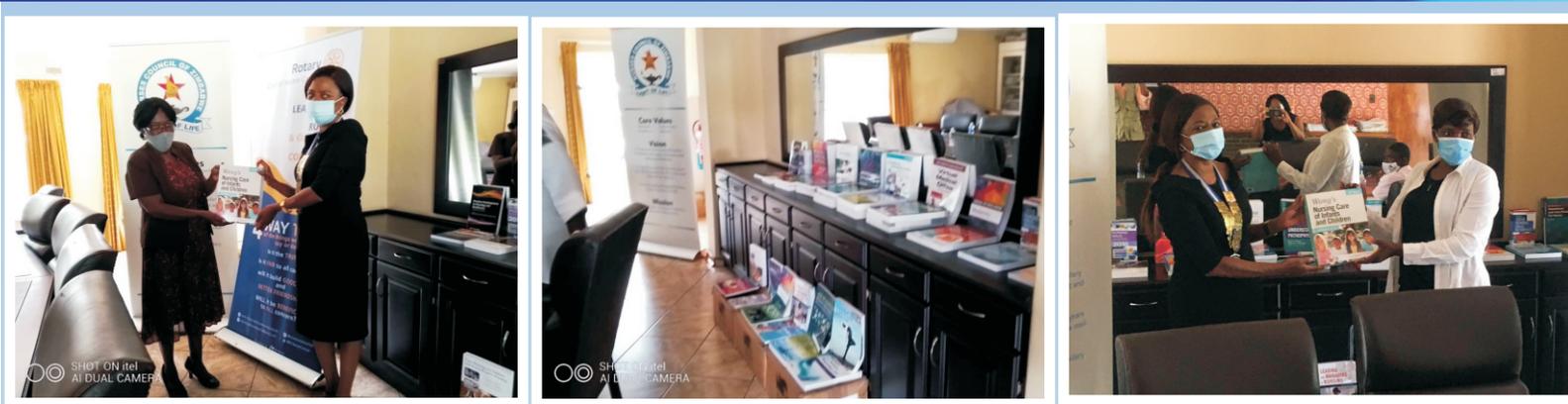
PP: Some of the projects I was involved in are; installation of solar powered borehole for Lupote community (57km outside Hwange). Installation of solar powered borehole, introduction of gardening and also Maheu project for Dampa Secondary School (50km outside Hwange). Adoption of a Lupote family of granny with 9 grandchildren aged 3-13 years all living in one hut. These projects were of great importance because it was an opportunity to interact and help the marginalised community. There was also a lot of stake holder engagement with the local leadership. The project gave the community an opportunity to initiate sustainable projects such as gardening.

PR: Would you recommend Rotary and why?

PP: Absolutely! Rotary is a family, it is full of fun. It give opportunities to network, interact, make friends and business partners. In Rotary, there are opportunities to serve volunarily and it brings joy, peace of mind and satisfaction.



BOOK HANDOVER AT NURSES' COUNCIL



On 19th March 2021, The Rotary Club of Harare Central donated the latest reference books to the Nurses' Council. The books donated are part of a consignment of just under 10,000 books that were donated by the American publishing giant Elsevier Publishers in conjunctions with London based Book Aid International. The books will be of use to train staff.



MUREWA CULTURAL CENTRE LIBRARY



The Rotary Club of Harare Central wishes to partner with the Rotary Club of Harare City in reopening the Murewa Cultural Centre Library. This is in keeping with its goal to improve literacy and numeracy in disadvantaged communities in Zimbabwe's hinterlands and urban areas.

The club's association with the library dates back to 1986 when the library first opened its doors to the reading public. Back then, Harare Central's flagship project involved the shipment of 40' container loads of books which it sourced from the Brother's Brother Foundation in Pennsylvania, USA, and the Murewa Cultural Centre Library was one of the beneficiaries. Once re-opened, the library will serve as a resource centre for scholars at 96 primary and 48 secondary schools in Murewa District.

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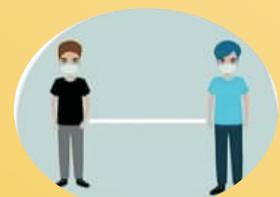
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FACE

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