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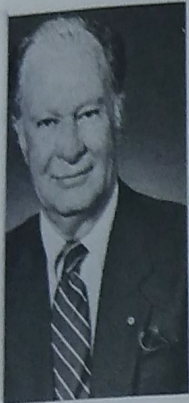
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CHARACTERISTICS OF THE DISTRICT

Year and place of creation 1973 LOME (Togo)
 Date of implementation July 1982
 Date of creation at 01/06/1984 Benin, Ivory Coast, Gambia, Ghana, Upper Volta, Liberia, Mali, Mauritania, Niger, Senegal, Sierra Leone, Togo
 Number of members at 01/06/1984 1114
 Number of clubs 27

<u>Benin</u>	1	<u>Ghana</u>	6	<u>Mali</u>	1
Cotonou		Accra		Bamako	
		Accra west			
<u>Ivory Coast</u>	8	Kumassi		<u>Mauritanie</u>	1
Abidjan		Sekondi-Takoradi		Nouakchott	
Abidjan Cocody		Tamale			
Abidjan Lagunes		Tema		<u>Niger</u>	1
Abidjan Riviera				Niamey	
Agboville		<u>Upper Volta</u>	1		
Bouake		Ouagadougou		<u>Senegal</u>	3
San Pedro				Dakar	
Yamousso		<u>Liberia</u>	2	Dakar Alizés	
		Monrovia		Ziguinchor	
<u>Gambia</u>	1	Nimba			
Banjul				<u>Sierra Leone</u>	1
				Freetown	
				<u>Togo</u>	1
				Lome	

Rotaract Clubs : Accra, Abidjan, Freetown, Kumassi

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LETTER TO CLUB PRESIDENTS AND SECRETARIES

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Dear Friends,

I place great importance this year on the development of a friendly relationship between yourselves and myself. It was with this in mind that I visited club presidents in Senegal, Liberia, Freetown and Ghana early in the month of July. These visits which I hope to extend to all the clubs in the district have helped me to know you better and to learn about you and your problems. I am sure this will form the basis of a happy working relationship for the coming year.

At a gala evening held in Abidjan on the 30th June, past governor Mankoubi formally transferred the governorship of district 910 to myself.

I hope you have closely studied the programmes I outlined in my July letter. You should by now have organised your committees and they, in their turn, should be working towards the objectives we have laid down. I would hope to see the following timetable observed :

- 31st October 1984 : final organisation of the anti-polio project,
- 30th November 1984 : increase in membership,
creation of new clubs,
creation of rotaract clubs,
- 31st March 1985 : attribution of the Paul Harris Fellow decoration.

Each club will organise its own activities in its own way, however, I would make the following suggestions :

- In this period of economic crisis, it is up to each club to lighten the financial load on its members and to find alternative methods of raising funds.

- In our efforts to increase membership we must look towards the young. In order to ensure the future of our clubs we must aim at recruiting young managers with an assured future. By the 31st August you should carry out a study in your areas in order to open new classifications and recruit dynamic new members to fill old vacant classifications.

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- Just as important is to maintain your membership and with this aim I suggest :

- (a) make your weekly meetings more useful and ensure better information is available for your members on rotary matters. Set aside five minutes at each meeting for this purpose,
 - (b) make your meetings more interesting by varying the programmes. Invite presidents from other clubs in the district to talk about their clubs' activities and to develop exchanges of ideas on projects and inter club relationship.
- Each club should encourage its members to acquire the Paul Harris Fellow distinction. They should also seek to reward particularly meriting members by awarding them this distinction.
 - Clubs should contact past governor George Sangaret who is president this year of the Inter-country Committee to obtain information on how to contact other clubs in the district.
 - In connection with the anti-polio campaign, each country in the district should, in conjunction with the Ministry of Public Health, develop a project. I would like to hear about these projects by the end of October 1984.

To enable me to follow the life of your clubs, please send me each month your reports of membership and attendance. I also require the half yearly reports to be sent to me promptly on 1st July and 1st January. So far only three clubs have sent me the green leaflet providing information about their club, its president and its secretary. Please will all clubs let me have their information sheets as soon as possible to facilitate my contact with them.

I shall be sending you in a separate letter, the blue form which summarises the projects and aims of your club. You should organise club assemblies to enable you to complete these forms for them to be discussed at my statutory visits which I shall be making in the future.

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I recommended you all consult the form 19-F which lists rotary publications and other documentation which will enable you to equip your club with a library of rotary publications.

The Rotary International African Conference will take place in Abidjan from 17th to 20th January 1985 in accordance with the decision of the majority of African districts. Please speak of this conference to your members and encourage as many of them as possible to attend this conference.

I would be very pleased to hear your comments and suggestions on the content of my monthly newsletters. You should also send me articles and information which I can arrange to have published.

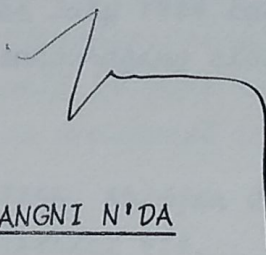
- District news.

In conclusion, a word of advice :

- Financial informations

Whatever the difficulties you encounter in running your clubs take courage and be confident, when there appears to be no hope it is then you should not despair.

- Organisations
I send you all my warmest rotarian greetings.



P. YANGNI N'DA

DISTRICT NEWS
NEWS OF ROTARY INTERNATIONAL

APPENDIX

1984 Entente Mondiale Prize

The district was represented at the 1984 Entente Mondiale Prize in Abidjan as follows:

At the Birmingham conference on 5th June 1984, the highest Rotary International distinction, the 1984 Entente Mondiale prize, was awarded to the international scouting movement in recognition of its work with the young throughout the world.

- Rotary International news.
- District news.

I would like to ask you to contact their local scouts to congratulate them and to study ways of developing joint community service projects.

- Handover speeches.

Rotary Friendship Exchange

- Organigramme.

A new biannual programme has been introduced since July 1984 called Rotary Friendship Exchange. This programme is aimed at encouraging closer contacts between Rotarians.

I have asked Past President Kone Banga, 01, BP. 1856, Abidjan 01 Ivory Coast, to act as coordinator of this programme within district 910.

DISTRICT NEWS
NEWS OF ROTARY INTERNATIONAL

1. District meetings

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10th and 11th May 1985

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the Rotary Club of Nouthcott will be part of district 910 as from July 1984 and not district 910 as announced in my July letter

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FINANCIAL INFORMATION

The administrative services of the R.I. is informing all the clubs that the new exchange rate to be used from July 1st 1984 for all payments done both in destination to the fondation of the rotary or of the R.I. are :

FF : 8,26 = \$ U.S. 1
SFr : 2,24 = \$ U.S. 1
FB : 56,73 = \$ U.S. 1
£ : 0,717 = \$ U.S. 1

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Boite postale 704-08
F-75361 PARIS Cedex 08
Compte n°030-163.4810 clé RIB : 54
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CONTRIBUTION IN BELGIUM FRANCS : Banque de Commerce
9, Longue Rue de l'Hôpital
ANVERS, Belgique
Compte n°610.4309850-37
Rotary International

CONTRIBUTION IN SWISS FRANCS : Zurcher Kantonalbank
Haupsitz
CH-8022 ZUERICH Suisse
Compte n°5207.004/Rotary
International

CONTRIBUTION EN \$ U.S. : Please send checks to the Zurich Office
of Rotary International

Address on transfer of powers delivered on June 30, 1984
By M. Bawa Mankoubi, Governor of 910th District of R.I.
for 1983-1984.

Dear Governor and dear friend Pierre,

Dear Past Governor Georges,

Dear Representatives of the Governor for the clubs groups,

Dear Presidents of the clubs,

Dear Secretaries,

Dear sisters Rotary Annes, Dear friends Rotarians,

Ladies and Gentlemen,

Here we are again in this pleasant town of Abidjan where we always feel at home. I will only have as a proof the choice on Abidjan twice in less than 4 years to shelter the Good Will Conference, of the President of R.I. for all Africa, in January 1985. This choice is not accidental, Abidjan is the land of dialogue set up by your distinguished President of the Republic and from which all African countries are taking inspiration. Abidjan is the ideal place for meeting, the cross-road of the exchanges and confrontation of opinions in the country, the Ivory Coast which is looking over the border for the occasion to promote peace.

The Rotary in these conditions can only flourish, become lively and gay for one of its aims is to encourage, cultivate international, mutual comprehension, the good will and the love of peace, creating and entertaining through the world cordial relations between the representatives of various professions united in the ideal of serving.

I have no doubt that for you, to whom we are passing hand today dear Governor Pierre, dear friends Presidents and Secretaries, this action as well as all the other ways of rotarian service has a meaning.

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As for we, Governor, Presidents and leaving Secretaries, we are remaining always at disposal to bring you our assistance in this hard duty although existing in a district of 12 countries and 27 clubs which only have 10 years of existence and which is building up day by day at the rythm of the countries which compose it, from Benin to Mauritania, from Togo to Niger.

Every where wether it is a member, a club or a district, rotarians are trying to ameliorate the society where they are living in respect of the laws and the values allowed.

We have wilfully chosen the ideal of serving others and for that we must have :

- the strenght to fight to ameliorate what should be,
- the wisdom to accept what cannot be changed and the intelligence to distinguish one from the other, to paraphrase a President of club on the day of the handing over of powers when the wheel has turned after a year of activity.

Dear friend Pierre, while giving you the emblem of the Rotary where the names of the Governors who have preceeded you are figuring, in the name of all of them I encourage you for having accepted to assume this responsibility and I wish you a very good year.

Long live the R.I.

Long Live the Comprehension and world understanding

Long live the Ivory Coast.

Adress delivered by Pierre YANGNI N'DA
during the ceremony of transfer of powers
between the Governor Bawa MANKOUBI and himself.

Dear President Alcide KACOU and dear elder rotarian.

Dear Governor of District 910 of the R.I.

Ladies and Gentlemen,

Dear Rotary Ann,

Dear guests,

Dear friends rotarians,

It is a particular pleasure and confort for me to see you so numerous tonight in this wonderful frame aerial of the Hotel Ivoire, to this ceremony of transfer of pouwers between the Gouvernors Bawa MANKOUBI and myself.

I sincerely thank you for this massive presence which testifies your interest for the rotary, which essential aim is to encourage and cultivate the ideal of serving, considered as a base of all honorable enterprise.

The first rotary club of Ivory Coast has been admitted to the R.I. in 1956 ; since this date, the movement cast by Paul Harris on February 23, 1905 in Chicago has improved very much in our country to the point that we now have eight ivorian rotary clubs four of which are in Abidjan. As an evidence of the dynamism of the rotary in Ivory Coast our district has chosen our friend Georges SANGARET as Governor for the rotarian year 1981-1982, it is also for this reason that your servant has been chosen in April 1983 in Freetown to be Governor of the district for 1984-1985. Tonight the ceremony will allow me from tomorrow to assume the heavy but joyful responsability of official representative of the R.I. in the 12 countries of the 910 district.

As few year ago succeeding to Jean Marcel BOILEDIEU to the Presidence of the rotary club of Cocody I had no fear because my prodecessor had so well put the club on the rails that my duty was simplified. Tonight I think I can give the same declaration.

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First because Governor MANKOUBI has made a lot of effort to give body to the 910 district, mostly at the last district conference held in Lome last April 5th and 6th, he has succeeded in taking a set of measures in order to have the district well structured and facilitate its functioning, from then my duty will be to continue his task by applying measures taken in Lome to consolidate and develop all the wheels of the district and render it more dynamic and more efficient.

Then because I will work with a team of rotarian friends of good will who have accepted voluntarily to give their assistance by acting and also because I feel strong thanks to the help and solidarity of all the eight ivoirian clubs.

The theme of the rotarian year which is going to start tomorrow is as you all know it : discover a new world of service.

I think that our district has know how to create for itself the conditions which allow him to walk at the rythm of this world in accelerated evolution and find the new means of service inaccordance with moderne times.

The story of humanity shows that the discoveries of all nature have been the fruit of the hard work of courageous and devoted men who have had for worries to solve the problems met by the men of their time. Africa nowadays has serious problems ; problem of education, problem of nutrition, problem of health, etc...

At the time whan man is walking on the moon exploring the space and tries to organize touristic trips on the moon, it is inadmissible that Africa as the other underdevelopped countries of the world continue to suffer as I has just stated it.

This is why the R.I. which has among other objective, to promote peace and comprehension between all men of the world is very busy trying to make the world progress ; this is why it is an imperious duty for the 910 district to help the R.I. to help Africa. For this purpose all rotarians of the district have to put all their good will and creative spirit together.

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I know that we have the intellectual and material resources necessary in the midst of the district to help our countries, we just have to put them into practise in the pure rotarian spirit according to which who ever serves best will profit most.

I therefore urge you all rotarian friends, whatever position they have in their clubs to wake up and to mobilize, to serve Africa better by discovering a new world of service.

I seeze this solemn occasion to renew with much regard mu thanks to his excellency the Président Felix Houphouet-Boigny and testify to him respectfully my gratitude and gratefulness for having allow me to practise my functions as Governor.

I also thank the Minister of Economy and Finance, M. Abdoulaye Kone, my Minister of tutelage whose help has been very precious for my step.

At last, I thank the Minister of Information, M. Amadou Thiam, who has kindly allow the covering of this ceremony by the media rendering thus his impact more important.

Thank you and good evening every one.

Pierre YANGNI N'DA

Governor of district 910 for 1984/1985

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1984-1985

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Groupe III : COTE D'IVOIRE

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Clubs BOUAKE, SAN PEDRO
YAMOOUSSOKRO

Groupe IV : GHANA

Clubs d'ACCRA, TEMA,
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