

# ROTARY INTERNATIONAL

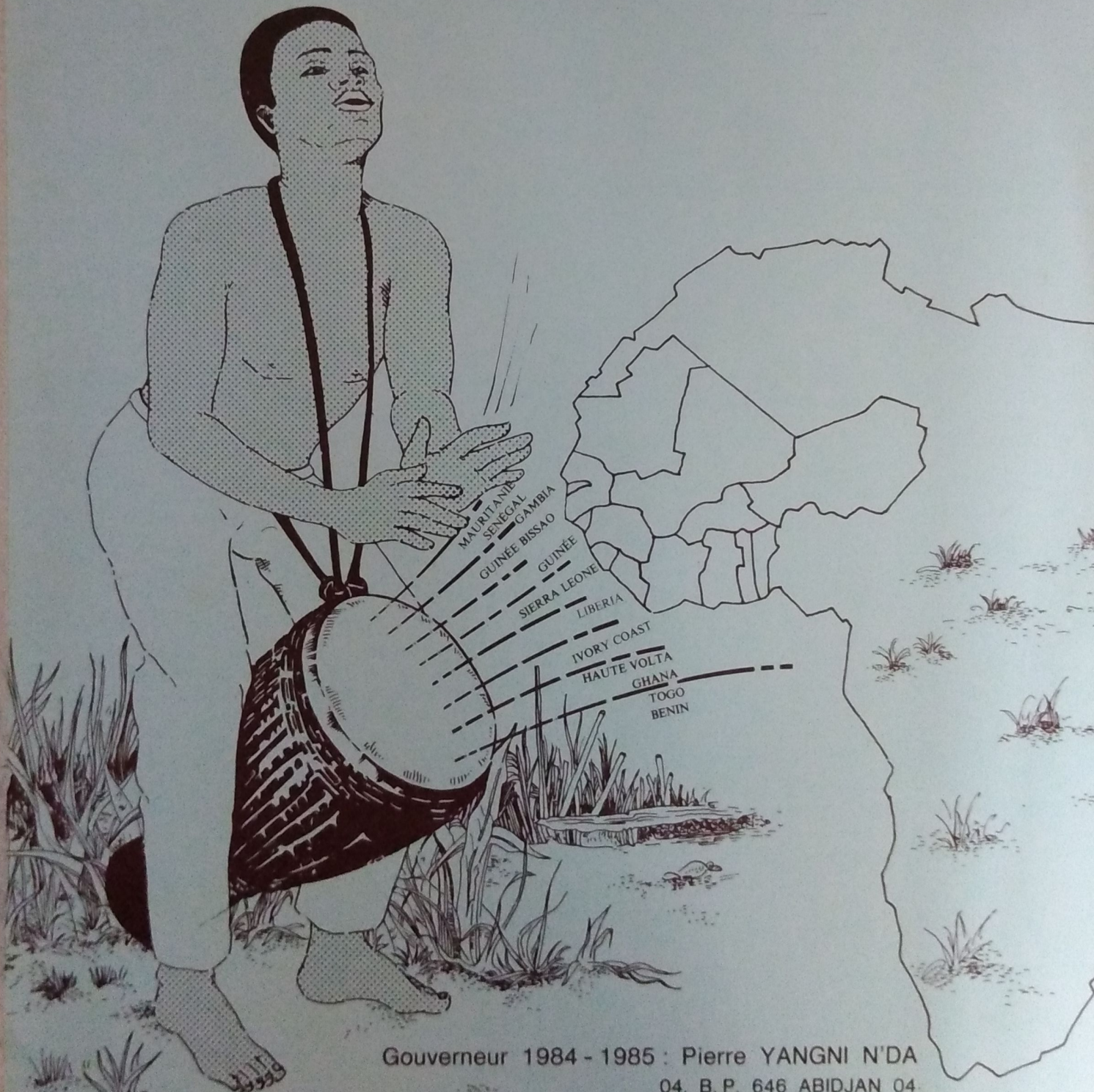
District 910

*Lettre mensuelle du Gouverneur*



*Governor's monthly letter*

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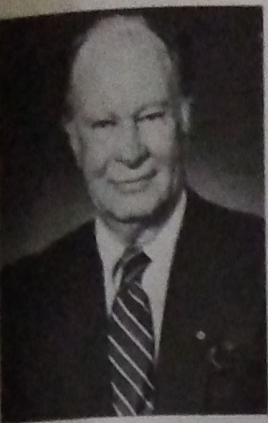


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Discover a new world of service

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DISTRICT 910 th

CHARACTERISTICS OF THE DISTRICT

Date and place of creation 1973 LOME (Togo)  
Amendment July 1982  
Area at 01/06/1984 Benin, Ivory Coast, Gambia, Ghana, Upper Volta, Liberia, Mali, Mauritania, Niger, Senegal, Sierra Leone, Togo  
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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Dear Friends,

On 16th to 18th January 1985, 339 Rotarians, their wives and their guests, coming from Africa, France, New Zealand, United States, in all twenty nine countries, met together at the Hotel Ivoire Abidjan. This meeting allowed Rotarians to exchange their ideas and their views on the theme: Discover a New World of Service through Communication and Action.

During three days, Rotarians were able to meet with President Carlos CANSECO and to discuss with him, to meet other Rotarians and to make lasting friendships. Each one was able to improve his knowledge of things Rotarian.

It is the opinion of everyone, Rotarians and non Rotarians, that this Sixth Rotary International Conference in Africa has been a real success, both from the point of view of organisation as well as the subjects discussed.

This success is not by chance but rather the hard work of many Rotarians and non Rotarians, and I mention:

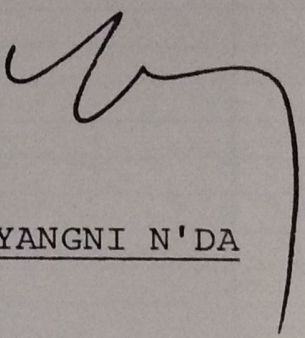
- The considerable efforts made by PDG George SANGARET, a dynamic Rotarian whose wisdom and personal efforts enabled him to lead a team of Rotarians drawn from the four Clubs of Abidjan who since July 1984 have worked for the success of the Conference, and neglecting their work and their families.

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- The work of those Rotarians who because they were pre-occupied with the numerous tasks necessary for the smooth running of the Conference were not able to attend and benefit from its activities.
  - The work of the secretaries and the hostesses who have worked unceasingly with courtesy and a smile.
  - The work of the Rotary Anns from Ivory Coast whose efforts allowed Madame Canseco and other visiting Rotary Anns to enjoy their stay in Ivory Coast and in particular discover Abidjan and the surrounding areas.
  - The work of those Rotarians who carried out tasks, whose importance would only have been noticed if they had been done badly or not done at all.
  - The work of those Rotarians who during the day, and very late at nights, greeted and accompanied to the airport, delegates to the Conference and helped them with all the formalities of immigration and customs.
  - The work of the personnel of the Hotel Ivoire who ensured an impeccable service during the Conference.
  - The work of the Rotarians who prepared their speeches and participated in group discussions.
  - The presence of many Rotarians, not least of which is the President Carlos Canseco accompanied by his wife. He has charmed everyone by his simplicity and instilled in each one of us his enthusiasm for Rotary and his progressive ideas for the future.

But our biggest thanks must go to the President of the Ivory Coast who authorised the holding of the Conference in this country. We must also thank the Ivorian authorities at all levels who helped to ensure that formalities were kept to a minimum and permitted delegates to visit this country and to leave it without problems.

I thank all those who worked for the success of the Conference, from the most illustrious to the most modest. The importance of the work of each has been vital to the overall success, each has given of his best and of his personal gifts, but all have worked for the same cause: Rotary.

I would like to think that this magnificent combination of efforts which went into the success of the Conference should be felt at the level of all clubs. I hope that the Conference will have given new life to the clubs and will encourage Rotarians to be more assiduous at their meetings and more active in their club's activities in order to undertake bigger and better projects so that we can all truly Discover a New World of Service by Communication and Action.



P. YANGNI N'DA

# MEMBERSHIP ATTENDANCE REPORT

report MUST reach the secretariat  
the 17th of the month.

District No. 910

Month of DECEMBER 19 85

*Pierre YANGNI N'DA*  
GOUVERNEUR 1984/85  
M. B. P. 646 ABIDJAN 04  
District Governor

District attendance percentage 41,34 %  
(total of second column divided by number  
clubs in district).

If a club abandons one of its regular  
weekly meetings, the governor should  
report the circumstances on the reverse  
of this sheet.

If the regular meeting of a club is aban-  
doned because it falls ON a legal holiday,  
because of the death of the club presi-  
dent, or an epidemic or a disaster affect-  
ing the entire community, the meeting  
will be ignored in calculating the club's  
record of attendance.

SHOULD ANY CLUB SHOW A  
CONSISTENT, OR LARGE, NET  
MEMBERSHIP LOSS, OR A  
MONTHLY ATTENDANCE AVER-  
AGE BELOW 60%, PLEASE GIVE  
INFORMATION ON REVERSE SIDE  
OF THIS SHEET EXPLAINING SITU-  
ATION AND WHAT IS BEING  
DONE TO CORRECT IT.

List Alphabetically All Clubs in District	Total Mem- bers of last meeting of month	Avg. % Attendance for month	No. of Meetings held
1. ABIDJAN	64	80	3
2. ABIDJAN COCODY	60	98,25	4
3. ABIDJAN LAGUNES	22	45	3
4. ABIDJAN RIVIERA	40	55	4
5. ACCRA	51	71,6	4
6. ACCRA WEST	20	75	3
7. AGBOVILLE			
8. BAMAKO	26	43,8	3
9. BANJUL	30	64,36	4
10. BOUAKE	47	62,53	3
11. COTONOU	68	60,78	3
12. DAKAR	32	53,12	3
13. DAKAR ALIZES	60	56,50	4
14. FREETOWN	34	64	3
15. KUMASSI	43	46	4
16. LOME			
17. MONROVIA			
18. NIAMEY	34	57,84	3
19. NIMBA			
20. OUAGADOUGOU	29	54,02	3
21. SAN PEDRO	33	69	3
22. SEKONDI-TAKORADI			
23. TAMALE			
24. TEMA	21	45,23	4
25. YAMOUSSOUKRO			
26. ZIGUINCHOR	23	55,43	4
27. KOFORIDUA			
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<b>Total</b>	<b>737</b>		

→ TSVP

Many Clubs had only three meetings because of holidays  
and Christmas.



## S E N S A T I O N A L

The admission of the new Clubs at Kara (Togo) and Ho (Ghana) was approved by President Carlos Canseco at the closing ceremony of the African Conference on 18th January 1985.

On 31st January 1985, District 910 comprised 32 Clubs against 26 at 30th June 1984. This is an increase of 23.1% in seven months. There will be more new clubs in the District before the end of this Rotary Year.

## A P P E N D I X

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- Speech of Minister of State Camille ALLIALI
- Speech on communication and action through vocational cooperation
- Resolutions of the Conference
- District Meetings
  - . Copy letter addressed to all Presidents of clubs
  - . District Assembly Programm
  - . District Conference Programm

ABSTRACT FROM THE SPEECH  
DELIVER BY CAMILLE ALLIALI, Minister of State

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To have selected ABIDJAN to house this Conference is an unfailing proof from the leaders of Rotary International which illustrates the interest shown by the Ivory Coast to this institution. This choice is also a mean to acknowledge the efforts accomplished by the Ivorian People since it has acquired the possibility to decide upon its destiny under the leadership of President Felix HOUPHOUET-BOIGNY to build a society of brotherhood, progress and peace.

This choice finally consecrates the merging between the ideal of an organization, that of the R.I. which has based its action on the search for peace, the mutual assistance and of the improvement of Human condition and those furthered by one man Felix HOUPHOUET-BOIGNY who looked for peace and understanding among men and between nations through dialogue and international cooperation, the search for progress and well-being of men and people through solidarity, the back bone of its national and international policies.

In addition, when one knows that disasters such the drought, hunger, malnutrition, endemic diseases that are hitting our African continent,

When we know that unemployment is condemning a greater number of individuals to misery, we may have quite a fair idea of the true dimension of the challenges any man who wants to help other men has to face.

The Ivorian Government has always followed with great interest the activities of the Rotary Clubs in the Ivory Coast. He always felt extremely pleased with the benefits they bring to the populations in the domains of health, education or training as well as in those of the exchanges and a better understanding among the people.

More generally speaking, the ideal to serve which is the one of the Rotary International is considered here like a positive factor which should be encouraged among all men of goodwill.

I shall add that the R.I. is always proud to put Man in the focus of its own concerns and to call upon all men of goodwill to assist to improve his condition. That all the people in charge of this movement throughout the world be thanked for all the actions they took for mankind.

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COMMUNICATION AND ACTION THROUGH VOCATIONAL COOPERATION

Mr. President of Rotary International  
Rotarian Friends.

On his admission to Rotary, the new Rotarian undertakes an obligation to encourage and to cultivate high ethical standards in business and professions; the recognition of the worthiness of all useful occupations; and the dignifying by each Rotarian of his occupation as an opportunity to serve society.

This undertaking is made in accordance with the second field of Rotarian service which is the basis on which Rotary has grown. Around 1905 in the rapidly growing city of Chicago and in the aggressive; sometimes hostile business atmosphere, Paul Harris and three of his friends used to meet for the pleasure of being together and to develop their business relationships. This small group of friends grew and led to the creation of a club in Chicago, then to clubs in the United States, Canada, the United Kingdom and in Europe. At present Rotary is represented in 159 countries and geographical regions and has approximately 963,000 members.

The world in which we live is constantly changing and at present is dominated by the problems of social and economic development; certain countries are advanced and rich, others are poor and their populations have a constant struggle to survive from day to day.

Rotary International does not seek to disassociate itself from the problems of the world, its aims and its activities develop with the world. Rotary International seeks to be useful to mankind and frequently its actions benefit communities where no Rotary Club exists. In order to better serve, Rotary must publicise its true purpose, which is to serve, and make known the men which are its members. To do this, speeches are not enough, actions speak louder than words. We must carry out projects with concrete results. There must be communication between members. Rotarians must cooperate on the basis of their professional lives. How can we achieve this?

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First, we must not forget that each Rotary Club is composed of members representing a cross section of the business activities of the locality in which the club is situated. Businessmen who are members of Rotary, must attend meetings in the context of their professional lives in order to enrich these and better define the economic and legal framework within which they work, to achieve a better organisation of their business and to improve the technical quality of the services they render.

If all businessmen within a club were concerned with the efficient operation of their businesses and cooperated with their peers to this end, economic activity would be considerably improved. Relationships between businessmen and their suppliers would be better because they are based on high moral standards, relationships between businessmen and their customers would be excellent because the customer would be benefitting from better quality products and services at fairer prices. This cooperation can exist at the very highest level. Rotarians can work together with members of other clubs in their country to create the bases for national, professional cooperation. This cooperation must not be aimed at establishing and maintaining abnormal interests, but must result in better professional standards and healthy competition. We should then aim at elevating national cooperation to an international level. Rotarians can achieve this by meeting other Rotarians and visiting clubs outside his own country, and by organising international forums for specialists. An example of this is doctors who organise medical days for their common interest and information with a view to improving the quality and efficiency of medical care given to their patients.

By professional cooperation on the local, national and international level, Rotarians can promote their professional activities leading to a healthy economy, the prosperity of which will provide the means to achieve concrete results from our actions and the basis for improved public relations in the promotion of Rotary. There are as many different projects as there are clubs. Their type and size depends on the

individual clubs but they must all have the common aim of serving. The principal projects, on an international basis, are those achieved by the Rotary Foundation, the aim of which is to spread Rotarian ideals by concrete action.

The five different types of bursary granted by the Rotary Foundation are a means of instruction of young people and at the same time a factor in the bringing together of peoples. The same aims are achieved through exchange groups and study groups which permit young people to meet those with similar interests in foreign countries and to learn their customs and their culture. These special subventions, granted by the Rotary Foundation, allow clubs and districts to work together to realise educational and humanitarian projects. The 3H Programme launched at the World Congress in Tokyo in 1978, allows Rotarians to work practically together, because, apart from the large sums provided by Rotary International, under this programme, Rotarians can travel to foreign countries to give their services and their knowledge freely in the service of needy communities. The 3H Programme requires the participation of local Rotarians to carry out projects such as the Vaccination Programmes, or explanation to local populations on how to use equipment placed at their disposal. The latest Programme of the Rotary Foundation aims at sending teachers into underdeveloped countries for one year in order to educate the population and help it in its fight against underdevelopment.

Whether the project is carried out at club level, district level, or at the level of Rotary International it must not be an isolated operation. Rotarians must work together to render their projects more important and more effective, they must also work in collaboration with other people and other organisations with humanitarian aims.

Finally, Rotarians must go out of their way to make themselves known and to destroy the erroneous idea that Rotary is reserved for the rich who meet only to eat and drink together.

Rotarians should show themselves as the Good Samaritan in the Bible. They should refuse to be happy alone, and give of their time and their resources in the service of others. They must be active in the lives and activities of their clubs.

Rotarians must aim at projects to which they will contribute themselves and in which they have contact with others who can see and appreciate their availability and their humanitarianism.

To close, I invite all Rotarians to Discover a new World of Service through Vocational Cooperation. This discovery will lead to the diversification and the intensification of action to the benefit of others. I invite Rotarians to be the leaders in their communities and quote from the Bible; "Let he who would be the greatest be the servant of all".

P. YANGNI N'DA  
Governor District 910

Abidjan, 18th January 1985

### RESOLUTION OF THE CONFERENCE

The first batch of resolutions deal with the establishment of lines of communication and the fostering of better understanding.

- 1/ To request the Board of Director to establish a regional Rotary International Office in Africa
- 2/ To establish Intercountry committees in Africa and that District Governors be requested to establish such committees.
- 3/ Africa Goodwill Conference like this present one should be continued.
- 4/ That Friendship Exchanges be instituted by District Governors in Africa.
- 5/ That Rotary, in the various district, take action steps to make the Authorities and Government Agencies aware of the Object and Aims of Rotary, and by so doing hopefully obtain governmental assistance to obtain less stringent travel and exchange control restrictions.
- 6/ That through the District Governors, the Clubs in all areas be asked to contribute to a Rotary Fund for Africa.
- 7/ That in order to achieve a far greater execution of World Community Projects, the Continent of Africa be divided up into regions with regional IPAC Committees, who would work in close co-operation with each other and thus ensure the initiation and execution of World Community Projects.
- 8/ That young persons be involved in, and represented at, these Goodwill Conferences.
- 9/ That the Board of Director of R.I. be asked to establish Youth Service as an official Fifth Avenue of Services.
- 10/ That Inter-African Rotary Youth Exchanges be encouraged, and District Governors be requested to take active steps to achieve this objective. That during the Year of the Youth Youth Programmes be initiated and executed.
- 11/ That more Vocational Training scholarships be made available (There are too many graduate, post-graduate and university Teachers scholarships and not enough vocational ones).
- 13/ That Vocational teachers be sent to Third World countries by the Rotary Foundation to teach in the various regions of such countries.
- 14/ That the Board of Rotary International be requested to review the age of recipients of scholarships in view of the late school age in third world countries.



- 15/ That detailed programmes and discussion topics at these Conferences be made available to participants at least 14 days before such Conference to enable them to prepare themselves fully for such Conferences.
- 16/ A unanimous vote of thanks be passed first to the host Rotary Clubs and Rotarians in the Ivory Coast for their organisation and their hospitality.
- 17/ Likewise a unanimous vote of thanks to the convenor of this Conference, Carlos CANCECO as President of R.I. and for his help and friendship, as well as for his very appropriate theme " DISCOVER A NEW WORLD OF SERVICE THROUGH COMMUNICATION AND ACTION".

## DISTRICT MEETINGS

I am pleased to remind the following dates :

MAY 9th 1985, in Abidjan : District Assembly  
MAY 10th and 11st 1985, in Abidjan : District Conference.

During the Conference, there will be the choice of :

- a representative of District for legislation Council in 1986
- a candidate governor for 1986-87.

I underline the resolution of the 10th District Conference held in Lome, on April 6th 1984.

The applications for the function of Governor must be presented in the shape of resolutions passed in a statutory meeting of clubs.

These resolutions certified by clubs secretaries must be sent to the Governor at least 3 months before the District Conference.

Only clubs free of their per capita fees to R.I. and District funds will be able to propose candidates.

Copie letter addressed to all Presidents of clubs

Dear President,

I have the pleasure to hand you herewith the program project of the coming conference of district which will be held in Abidjan on May 10th and 11th 1985. I will be very happy to receive your suggestions concerning this program. I will favorably welcome all proposal from your club leading to enclose the examination of all question in the program.

I am working on the budget for the conference that I will communicate to you as soon as possible. To encourage the participation of all the clubs to this conference and not to penalize financially speaking the only clubs which will take part in the conference, I intend to have the conference budget supported by all the 28 clubs, the rotarians who will come to the conference will only have to pay their hotel and meal fees registration fees to the conference being charged to the clubs.

Following the district conference of April 1984 in Lome I will kindly ask you to forward me as soon as possible and at the latest end April the name of the candidate chosen by your club to be Governor for 1986-1987. The candidature will have to be accompanied by the following documents

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- proof of the payment of the district funds
- proof of the payment of the per capita tax of the R.I. on January 1st, 1985
- curriculum vitae of the candidate.

I draw your attention on the fact that the candidature has to be presented on the form of a resolution taken during a regular meeting of the club and certified by the secretary.

I also inform you that the conference will have to chose a representative and a supply for council of legislation in 1986. This representative will have to be a P.D.G.

Finally I will notify you that on the occasion of the conference of May 1985, the district will discover a new world of service in the that the conference will be mainly devoted to questions concerning good functioning of the district. I will ask you to make an effort your club to be represented by a large number of members mostly the new members to this conference.

Happy new Year.

P. YANGNI N'DA

PROVISIONAL PROGRAMME  
FOR DISTRICT ASSEMBLY

WEDNESDAY MAY 8 1985

09.00 - 18.00 Registration

THURSDAY MAY 9 1985

09.30 General Session

R.I. President's theme for Rotary year  
and its development at District and  
club levels.

10.45 Break : Coffee

11.00 Group Discussions

Group I Club Presidents

Group II Club Secretaries

Group III Directors of 4 Avenues of service

Group IV Youth Programmes

Group V Extension service activities

12.30 Break for lunch

Role of club offices towards effective  
district administration and success.

17.00 Close

Evening Members join fellowship activities planned  
for district Conference.

DISTRICT CONFERENCE 10TH & 11TH MAY 1985

Theme : To Discover a New World of Service,  
let us be more active within our Clubs.

PROGRAMME

Thursday, 9th May

Afternoon : Registration and fellowship  
18.30 : Welcome Cocktail

Friday, 10th May

7.30 : Registration and fellowship  
8.30 : Presentation on a cassette prepared by  
President Carlos CANSECO on the theme:  
Discover a New World of Service.  
9.00 : Presentation of National Flags.  
9.30 : Speech of welcome by the Chairman of  
the District Conference Committee.  
Presentation of the District Governor by  
the Chairman of the Conference Committee.  
Presentation of the Representative of  
the President of Rotary International by  
the District Governor.  
Address by the Representative of the  
President of Rotary International.  
10.30 : Main speech by the District Governor  
on the theme of the Conference.  
11.00 : Coffee.  
11.15 : Slide presentation on "Rotary Youth Leadership  
Award and the Future". This is a document  
concerned with Rotarian activities in favour  
of youth.

- 11.30 : Prize Giving
  - . Attendance
  - . Participation at the District Conference.
  - . Participation at the Rotary International African Conference.
  - . Best Project for the year.
  - . Increase in membership.
  
- 12.30 : Lunch
  
- 15.00 : Speeches on District business
  - . Interact Club.
  - . Rotaract Club.
  - . Inter-country Committee France Senegal.
  - . International Medical Assistance Programme.
  - . Youth Exchange.
  - . 3H Programme.
  - . Rotary Foundation Bursaries
  - . New Members.
  
- 17.00 : Pause
- 17.15 : Slide presentation on increase in membership.
- 18.00 : End of Session.
- 20.00 : Home Hospitality.

Saturday, 11th May

- 8.30 : Slide presentation called "Those who make the Difference". (This is an explanation on the utilisation of contributions to the Rotary Foundation.
- 9.15 : Address of the Representative of the President of Rotary International.
- 9.45 : Pause
- 10.00 : Slide presentation on a service project. (Description of Rotary activities throughout the word)..
- 10.45 : Election of the District Governor for 1986-1987.  
Election of the District Representative to the Legislative Council 1986.
- 11.45 : Notices.
- 12.30 : Lunch
- 14.40 : Sub-committee meetings on the four themes presented by slides.
- 16.30 : Reports from the Committees and resolutions.
- 17.30 : Report of the Representative of the President of Rotary International.
- 18.00 : Closing speech.
- 20.00 : Governor's Gala.



