

# TOFTA & LMVC News Bulletin

**'EDUCATING THE LESS FORTUNATE &,  
'REACH HIGH THROUGH HARD WORK'**

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## DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE

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I am delighted with the progress Lords Meade Vocational College has made in the past months. This is only possible through the support of the administration, staff, parents and supporters. The students' co-operation is also a major factor.

I have just returned from a 6 week trip to California and the Toronto area, where I was made welcome in the many Rotary Clubs that I was able to visit. I greatly appreciated the hospitality of the Rotarians who so kindly accommodated me and assisted me in the organizing of my visits to the various Rotary Clubs.

During my return journey I had the pleasant surprise to meet Brian Chunchi who is a guest relations officer. Brian is a former student of LMVC. It is always a great pleasure to see

former students doing well in their careers.

During my absence the results for the vocational tests came back from the Department of Industrial Training. It is encouraging to know that these students, who are now in Senior 4, already have a Certificate in their vocational skill, and they have a marketable skill when they complete their 'O' levels in November this year. They can either chose to go off into furthering their vocational education or their academic education.

I am most grateful to **Nikki Mallet** for her kind gesture of obtaining sponsorship for the Brighton Marathon and kindly donating the sponsorship to Tofta Education Trust. Her page on <http://www.everyclick.com/nikkifundraisingfortofta> will lead you to her donation page. The page is still open until December.

I am also grateful that USEP has agreed to assist LMVC with the teaching of science subjects. The students put on a very impressive science display—it is good to see that their work is both practical and academic.

I am always grateful when the students support the request for blood donation. In 1980 I had to have 8 units of blood, some donated by my students at Starehe Boys Centre, and this almost certainly saved my life, so I am encouraged to see that the students at LMVC are also supporting this valuable service to the community at this early age.

In the LMVC tradition the Music, Dance & Drama Competition showed the students displaying their talents, and some discovering talents they did not know they had.

During my return journey I watched a film entitled 'Life of a King'. It is based on chess playing and the lessons it can teach one in life. I am glad to hear that chess playing has started in the school and I hope that the students will pick up on the life lessons it teaches.

We always enjoy visitors coming, and our dear friend Dale Knight has been twice this year. She is kindly sponsoring two girls at LMVC. This is greatly appreciated and will mean a lot in the lives of the two girls. We look forward to her next visit.

Normally at this time of year we are saying farewell to volunteers who have taken a gap year after their 'A' levels in UK and before they start their tertiary education. Unfortunately this year we were not blessed with any volunteers, but we will be happy to receive suitable volunteers who would like to have the experience of 6 months in a secondary school in Uganda. Normally the volunteers arrive before the beginning of the academic year in February. Perhaps there is someone you may know who may enjoy the opportunity.

With best wishes to all our supporters.

*John Kirkwood.* Director



## MESSAGE FROM DIRECTOR OF STUDIES—DAVID MUNOBWA

Lords Meade Vocational College, the “**Haven of Skills and a Seat of Learning**” The trend of events and programs at LMVC absolutely qualify that statement.

It is term two, normally a very busy term. We started well with lots of events taking place and a lot more coming, in areas of sports, academic and exhibitions.

The candidate classes, ( S.4 and S.6 ) had their leavers party on 7th June 2014. It was a very colorful function with lots of eats, drinks, farewell speeches and of course the dance cannot go unmentioned.

The students who pass through LMVC appreciate the fact that the school is growing stronger and stronger in initiating programs that produce an all round multi-skilled and knowledgeable individuals for a world class performance.

We have now been taken on by the Uganda Science Education Program (USEP), which has so far been working in 15 schools for four years throughout the whole country. The main objective of the program is to improve science education through innovative methods of teaching and integration of Information and Technology (ICT) in the learning process.

In line with the above, we are organizing a science fair where students will come up with innovations from their science subjects.

It is amazing to see high school students designing projects like solar furnaces, making soap and detergents, a generator, an electric train and many other projects

The Educate Program is another one of the programs we have subscribed to.

It is equipping our community with entrepreneurship skills and unfolding new innovations of teaching amongst staff members.

The results of the Directorate of Industrial Training (DIT) candidates of last year 2013 were released recently and the performance was better than that of 2012 which indicates success in this skills imparting vocational program . Look at the summarized table below.

OCCUPATION	GRADE					TOTAL
	DISTINCTION	CREDIT	PASS	REFER	FAILURE	
BRICK LAYER	1	2	26	0	0	29
CATERER	6	25	4	2	0	37
TAILOR	2	7	0	4	0	13
CARPENTER & JOINERY	0	0	6	10	0	16

We are “ **REACHING HIGH THROUGH HARD WORK**”

**David Munobwa,**  
**Director Of Studies**

## THANK YOU FOR YOUR ASSISTANCE

*' Thank you Madam Dale our beloved sponsor, because your assistance has brought change in our family. Our mother has started on a construction of our first brick house'.* These are words of appreciation by Janet, one of the two sisters Rotarian Dale Knight took on and started paying for their tuition fees at Lords Meade Vocational College.

Rotarian Dale started supporting this family last year when she offered to pay tuition for Janet and Annet after their mother had come to TET to seek for help after having failed to keep her daughters in school. One of the main dangers of falling out of school for these girls is early marriage like most girls in their village.

On a recent visit to their home by the co-director Mr. Peter Kalibbala, the single mother appreciated the work TET does and most especially appreciated the girls' sponsor and intimated how her assistance has enabled her to make some small savings to start constructing a brick house to move out of their grass thatched one.

The assistance to these girls is bringing change to the whole family as now, the other siblings can afford attending primary education. In the picture below, bottom right, is the new house under construction.





## MUSIC DANCE AND DRAMA COMPETITION

**LMVC's** Music Dance and Drama competitions this year was on Saturday the 8th March 2014. This year, it was an inter-class competition excluding the S.5 class which had not yet reported for their first term.

It was a stiff competitions as classes were competing to win the highly treasured annual competitions. Each class had to present the following; the School anthem, Creative dance, original composition and traditional dance.

Senior three took the trophy and were given a prize of a picnic.

Mr. Raymond Owino, the headmaster, thanked all students who participated and encouraged others to be part next year.



S.1 presenting the national anthem



S.3 presenting the creative dance



S.3 celebrating their victory

## LMVC DEBATING CLUB WINS IN JINJA

Lords Meade Vocational College debating club emerged winners in the competition which was organized for secondary schools in and around Jinja. The competitions which involved 8 schools was organized by Clash Media, with the aim of improving communication skills and self confidence.

The two months competitions which started at the beginning of the term were concluded with the finals at Jinja SS on Friday 4th April with finalists LMVC versus St Peters High school. LMVC emerged winners also having produced the best constructive speaker by the names Jack Wasonga from S.6. Below are pictures from the debating competition. **On the right is Jack Wasonga**, the best constructive speaker.



*"Educating the Less Fortunate" and "Reach High Through Hard Work"*

## INTERACT CLUB FROM USA VISITS LMVC

On their first International Action project, the Interact Club of Lords Meade Vocational College hosted a sister Interact Club from Alaska, USA. The 11 Interactors from Thunder Mountain Interact Club came out with 3 teachers and partnered on two community service projects in Jinja community. They helped to donate necessities which included bed sheets, soap, learning aid materials to the Home Of Hope, a home for the disabled and also donated furniture, books, hygiene and sanitation materials and playing materials to St. Kizito Nursery school.

Apart from the projects, the Interactors had a day out at LMVC, where they attended lessons to experience the classroom environment, they were taken on a tour around the school by their fellow Interactors and finally had Interact fellowship with Lords Meade Interact club.

Much appreciations to their coordinator, Rotarian Michelle Strickler for making the trip a success.

Below in pictures are Interactors' experience during their visit.





## YOUTH EMPOWERMENT THROUGH SKILLS

In Uganda the current economic problem is unemployment. Many youth qualify through formal education but fail to get employment because of lack of practical skills. Due to the fact that Lords Meade Vocational College has a vocational department and, through the Directorate of Industrial Training, students are able to qualify for a Certificate in one of the following skills, Brick Laying and Concrete Practice, Tailoring, Carpentry, and Catering.

After completion of their vocational courses in senior three, many students have never looked back when they complete their S4 'O' levels. They either get employed, or become job creators, or find it easy to join higher institutions of learning due to the hands on skills acquired from LMVC.

During the parents day meeting with students who sat their finals last year, the Director of Studies Mr. David Munobwa informed parents that their children passed highly and there were no failures. "We need jobs in this country in order to develop and if other parents emulate and take their children to vocational institutions, many youths will be out of the poverty cycle" he said. Below in the pictures are Directorate of Industrial training (DIT) during their final examinations of the Uganda National Examinations Board (UNEB). Building and Concrete Practice, Carpentry, Cookery and Tailoring.

Recently a former student landed a job in Qatar as a chef in Qatar Airlines after discovering his catering talent at LMVC.



## BEST STUDENTS IN THE LAST TERM RECOGNISED

Every term, LMVC administration recognises the best boy and girl in academics in every class.

On Monday 16th June, the Headmaster Mr. Raymond Owino recognised the best boy and girl in each class and each were handed a neck-tie (Maroon in colour), to differentiate them from the rest of the students.

The function took place during assembly time, and in his speech, the headmaster informed the school that they carried out this in order to appreciate, encourage and inspire others to improve on the academics.



At TET, we are proud to inform that one of our beneficiaries, Winifred Akwi sponsored by Anna Marie Lusins has been the best performing girl in her class since senior one,. She is in senior three this year.

"Education is so important,, we are poor at home but with the chance I have now, I dream of becoming a medical doctor". Winifred said.

**On the left is Winifred** after receiving her academic excellence tie from the headmaster for being the best girl in senior 3 term one.

## NIKKI MALLET RUNS MARATHON FOR TOFTA EDUCATION TRUST.



Nikki Mallet, a long term family friend, ran the Brighton Marathon and asked for sponsorship to go to Tofta Education Trust for which all at Tofta Education Trust are most grateful.

Please can you add your support to her efforts by donating on line at h

<http://www.everyclick.com/nikkifundraisingfortofta>

NIKKI, MANY THANKS FOR YOUR SUPPORT FOR TOFTA EDUCATION TRUST.

## BLOOD DONATION AT LMVC

The Red Cross Club of LMVC in conjunction with the Red Cross Society Jinja branch held a blood donation campaign at the school on the 7th March 2014.

The Head Prefect Emma Namonyo led by example as he was the first to go for the donation.

"I encourage all students to donate blood. It is very important to donate blood if you are able because you never know who will be in need of it and when. He said.

The Club patron informed us that the exercise was a success as they were able to get 49 units of blood.

## ROTARY CLUBS OFFERS SPONSORSHIP

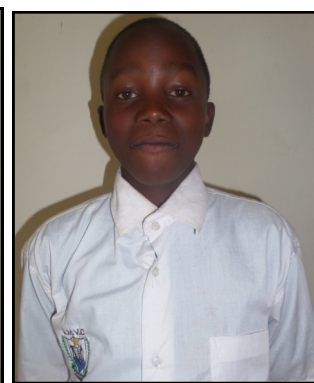
At Tofta Educational Trust, we extend our gratitude towards the Rotarians from Rotary Club Rohnert Park Cotati USA, for their kind endeavour towards educating the less advantaged children in Uganda through Tofta Educational Trust.

The Rotarians have started raising funds to sponsor two students. According to these children's poor background, we are very sure the sponsorships they have acquired will bring a big change in their lives and in their families.

There are always many applications for sponsorships due to the parents' low incomes, and a big number of these children are orphans being looked after by their grand mothers or guardians. Therefore many fall out of school due to lack of school fees.

In the photograph, **Left is Constance**, a 16 year old girl whose both parents earn so little as primary teachers. She is very hard working and got a first grade in her Primary Leaving Examinations.

**Right is Emmanuel**, a 15 year old boy whose father is a motorcycle taxi rider. He performed well in his Primary Leaving Examinations. He wants to become a civil engineer.



Rotary Club of Fortuna Sunrise in California have also offered sponsorship to Justine Nakamwa and Phillip Ofwono, who both come from needy families. Tofta Trust is very grateful for the Fortuna Rotarians support.

**CAN YOU HELP?** Please donate any amount so that the Trust's work can continue to help vulnerable youth to obtain education, accommodation and health services so they may have a better future. A full sponsorship for one year costs £360 or US\$720. £1 (US\$2) a day educates a child!

**STERLING DONATIONS:** Please make out cheques to "Tofta Educational Trust" and forward to:  
**The Secretary, Tofta Educational Trust, Flat 302, Bridge House, Sion Place, Clifton, Bristol BS8 4BW**

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