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IN MEMORIAM ADE MAJIYAGBE



Ade Majiyagbe, *RI Director (03-05) John Eberhard*

Following the RI Convention in Brisbane, Fran and I remained in Queensland for the first meeting of the 2003-2004 Board of Directors was scheduled to meet immediately after the convention.

On Thursday evening following the convention, we were advised that President Elect Jonathan was required to leave for London, England because of Ade's condition. He successfully convened the first day of meetings with his board. It was a full day and none of us were aware



of the seriousness of the situation.

President Elect Jon had arrived in England, to be at her side during the afternoon of June 6th. On Saturday, June 7th, we were advised that Ade had passed away. Ade was in hospital in England recovering from a stroke.

Naturally, this shocking news has deeply affected those of us who had come to know her and of her warm affection, enthusiasm and support for

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Lend a Hand

Remembering Ade, *Penny & Chris Offer*

We met Ade in Anaheim at the International Assembly last January. As training leaders we spent a week in Anaheim prior to the Assembly preparing for the intensive week of the Assembly.

The first night of the training week we were greeted by Ade and President Elect Jonathan. Ade affectionately welcomed each member of the training team and their partners.

Ade spent a good part of the week prior to the Assembly with the spouses of the training leaders organizing a service project for



the spouses and partners of the DGE's to work on when they arrived.

Ade was very interested in service projects that involved children. The project that she had personally selected to have the spouses work on was a donation of children's books for an International Children's Library at the Orange County Public Library and the production of 1500 "Read to Me" Packages for new parents to promote literacy. Ade shared with President Elect Jon a commitment to promoting literacy in the world and a

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If you wish to send condolences to President Elect Jonathan please send to:

Jonathan B. Majiyagbe
Rotary International President Elect
1560 Sherman Ave., Evanston, IL 60201-3698



In President Elect Jonathan's keynote address to the RI Convention in Brisbane he stated,

"I am most grateful for my wife, Ade, who has been by my side for over 37 years. For most of these years, we have served Rotary together. Wherever Rotary takes us, Ade shares her radiant smile, her generous spirit, and her warm personality. She has actively participated in the planning for our year of service. I so often turn to Ade for her wise counsel. Both Ade and I are also grateful for the outpouring of support we have received from our Rotary family."



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Jonathan and his commitment to Rotary, their family and the role which was expected to be played by this devoted couple during the next year and beyond. We are all quite devastated by this turn of events.

For those who know of their determination to focus on the dimension of the "Family of Rotary", you will realize how this turn of events will impact on all of those who share this vision. I would there for invite all who share the sadness of this news to respond in an appropriate way to Jonathan (c/o of the Secretariat in Evanston). No doubt his time will be consumed in the coming weeks by family and traditional protocol in Nigeria. We will all attempt, in our own ways, to assist where possible as Jon continues to plan for and realize the many important goals which he has established for the coming year.

I wish this news were otherwise but the reality is that we must now all lend a hand to ensure that his year succeeds in realizing all of his important goals. Our thoughts are now with President Elect Jonathan and his family.

Sincerely, John Eberhard

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belief that literacy is a key to progress in the developing world.

Ade was a warm affable lady who enjoyed meeting the spouses of the DGE's. She was delighted when the Training Leaders spouses all wore the "Boo-Boo's" given to them by President Elect Jon. The Boo Boo is a type of traditional Nigerian women's dress. The gift from President Jon to the Training Leaders and DGE's was designed with the "Lend a Hand" theme. The Training Leaders all wore their Jumpers for men and Boo Boo's for women to a reception attended by Ade and Jon during the Assembly.

A picture of Ade comes to mind—very regal, proud and beautifully dressed in her traditional Nigerian gown and head dress. She took time to meet each training leader and ask where they were from and were they enjoying the Assembly.

Our thoughts go out to Jonathan and his family. Ade, we will miss you.