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## **Yinka BABALOLA President-elect 2026/2027**

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Olayinka (Yinka) Hakeem BABALOLA, a member of the Rotary Club of Trans Amadi, Nigeria, has been elected President of Rotary International for the year 2026/2027.

He will take office on July 1, 2026.

A Rotary member for over 30 years, he will become the second African to lead Rotary International, after Jonathan B. MAJIYAGBE (2003/2004).

A long-time supporter of peace and community development, he contributed to the creation and growth of the Rotary Peace Centre at Makerere University in Uganda, the first on the African continent.

He also became involved in the fight against polio, supporting vaccination efforts in Africa.

Yinka holds an engineering degree and has spent over 30 years in the oil and gas industry, including senior management positions at Shell PLC.

He and his wife, Preba, support The Rotary Foundation through a named endowment and are members of the Arch Klumph Society.

