The Presenters

Cervical Cancer Prevention Special Session

Tuesday, 26 June 2018 8:30 to 10:00

Rotary International Convention
Toronto, Ontario, Canada
Emman Ude AKPEH

Pharmacist Emman Ude Akpeh is a quintessential industrious gentleman, highly cerebral and progressive minded. He is quiet and unassuming, but his sterling achievements in his professional and career trajectory speak eloquently for him. It only takes a close encounter with him to discover Emman Ude Akpeh as an interesting personality, a Civil Servant extraordinaire and a thoroughbred Pharmacist by profession. He has already reached the zenith of his career and is presently the Permanent Secretary (Executive Council Matters) in Anambra State.

A Fellow of the West African Postgraduate College of Pharmacists, Knight of St. John International and Justice of Peace of Anambra State, Nigeria, Emman creditably served his community as President-General of Umueze Anam (2003-2010) and has risen to the apex of his civil service having been appointed a Permanent Secretary in 2015.

Dr. Emman started his life as a Rotarian when he was invited to Rotary by one of his friends and colleague, Rotarian Uche Apakama. He warmly embraced Rotary and formally became a member at the Rotary Club of Onitsha East in 1996. Since then he has grown and held various leadership positions which include but are not limited to the following: President RC Onitsha East 2000-2001(Create Awareness, Take Action) during which he won both District and Rotary International Recognitions for Membership development; District Governor's Special Representative (DGSR) just a year after serving as President, which saw to the Charter of his present club, which is Rotary Club of Onitsha Metropolis in 2001/2002. He had also served the then District 9140 three times as Assistant Governor in 2002/2003, 2003/2004, and 2006/2007 and emerged as the Best Assistant Governor for 2002/2003 Rotary year.

Emman exudes unbridled love for Rotary, hence he has attended all District conferences since he joined Rotary and over twelve (12) Rotary International Conventions in addition to Rotary Institutes in Livingstone, Zambia (2012), Mombasa, Kenya (2015), Accra, Ghana (2016) and Johannesburg, South-Africa (2017). His life of selfless service was given a boost when Emman was first selected and later elected in 2015 to serve as the Pioneer District Governor for Rotary International District 9142, Nigeria for 2017-2018, a year Rotary is making a difference in our lives and the world at large. He is also a Second Level Major Donor and a Rotary Foundation Benefactor.

Married to Rotarian Chinelo Ude-Akpeh and blessed with three lovely Children - Uzoamaka, Oluchukwu and Chiagozie. One of Emman's most treasured traits in life is
Jacqui Drope

Jacqui Drope is the Managing Director, Global Cancer Prevention in the Global Cancer Control department at the American Cancer Society (ACS) where she directs programs that support country-led, evidence-based, high impact cancer prevention interventions with a focus on tobacco taxation and Human papillomavirus (HPV) vaccination. The Global HPV Cancer Free program aims to influence and strengthen country partners’ national and state efforts to increase HPV vaccination rates, and close the geographic and gender disparities gap. Current partner countries include Kenya, India, Uganda, and Colombia.

In her role as Managing Director, Global Tobacco Control at ACS, Jacqui led the African Tobacco Control Consortium (ATCC) initiative in ten Sub Saharan African (SSA) countries. Jointly funded by the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation (BMGF) and ACS, this five-year initiative resulted in comprehensive tobacco control legislation in several SSA countries and laid the foundation for policy change still in progress. At the International Development Research Centre (IDRC), Jacqui managed the BMGF funded African Tobacco Situational Analysis (ATSA) special initiative that supported the conceptualization and implementation of tobacco control policy interventions at the country level. This three-year initiative resulted in the political mapping of tobacco control in twelve African countries and was one of the first intensive compilations of this type of tobacco control information in Africa.

Jacqui has a unique mix of experience and skills having worked in academia, government, and non-governmental organizations. She has consulted for various health organizations including the World Health Organization (WHO), the International Union Against Cancer (UICC), the Ontario Tobacco Research Unit (OTRU), Canadian Coalition for Global Health Research (CCGHR), and Health Canada.

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Nancy Fleming

Nancy Fleming is a retired Certified Nurse-midwife, having delivered almost a 1000 babies and worked in women’s health for over 30 years.

Dr. Fleming received her Bachelor of Science in Nursing from Stanford University, her Masters of Science in Nursing from the University of California in San Francisco, and her PhD in nursing from the University of Illinois at Chicago. She has been active in her professional organization of nurse-midwives, including acting as Illinois Chapter Chair and serving two terms as a member of the national Board of Directors.

Nancy has been active in Rotary since 1992, having had perfect attendance for the last 25 years. A multiple Paul Harris Fellow and a member of the Paul Harris Society, she is outgoing President of the Hinsdale-Oak Brook Sunrise Rotary Club in Illinois, USA and acts as facilitator for Rotary’s polio eradication efforts in District 6450.

Dr. Fleming has worked with several medical groups, both Rotarian and non-Rotarian, providing women’s health care to vulnerable populations outside the US.

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Andrew Dykens

Andrew Dykens, MD, MPH is an Assistant Professor of Family Medicine at the University of Illinois at Chicago and the Director of Health Systems at the UIC Center for Global Health. Andrew is a NIH Fogarty International Research Scientist Career Development Award (K01) recipient, a member of the UIC Cancer Center, a Fellow at the UIC Institute for Health Research and Policy, and a member of the CDC's Global Health and Territorial Research Network as a part of the Illinois Prevention Research Center. Andrew also chairs the Capacity Building Subcommittee at the Consortium of Universities for Global Health, a global initiative that aims to connect locally identified human resource gaps to existing training capacity and evidence-based curricula.
Since 2010, he has studied the implementation of sustainable cervical cancer screening programs through capacity building, quality improvement, and behavioral interventions at the regional level in rural Senegal. He actively collaborates with the Senegal National Ministry for Health and Social Affairs, the Institute of Health and Development at the University Cheikh Anta Diop in Dakar, Senegal, the Senegal National Cancer Institute, Peace Corps Senegal, and Rotary.

Andrew is a Returned Peace Corps Volunteer (Mauritania 1997-99) and a Rotarian at the Rotary Club of Chicago. He is the founder of Peace Care, a 501(C)3 nonprofit and a co-founder of World Health Run, 501(C)3.

Andrew lives in Chicago with his wife, Lauren, their daughters, Sevilla Dabel and Eliana Allison, and their husky, Bella Mango. Andrew loves experiencing the little moments of growth when his girls overcome some seemingly insurmountable challenge, he plays enough music to annoy neighbors and dreams of someday harmonizing with his girls, and maintains a competitive pace through the first and last 100 meters of a very occasional triathlon.

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**Edward E. Partridge**

Dr. Edward E. Partridge may be one of the best-known voices in the world about cancer, its causes, its treatment, and its prevention. It is impossible to select material from his 78-page Curriculum Vitae that would do him justice in this brief overview, but the following will provide some idea of his credentials.

Dr. Partridge is the recently retired Director of the Comprehensive Cancer Center at the University of Alabama at Birmingham, one of the most respected facilities in the United States. He has a long history of leadership in translational research and cancer prevention and control research, especially in minority populations. He has served as Principal Investigator of two SPOREs in gynecological cancer (cervix and ovarian). His work has been published in more than 200 books, journals, and other periodicals.

In addition, he has a track record of mentorship and leading training programs including the Fellowship Program in the Division of Gynecological Oncology at the University of Alabama at Birmingham and the Morehouse School of Medicine/Tuskegee
University/UAB Comprehensive Cancer Center Partnership. He has a thirteen-year history of developing minority investigators and, dedicated to correcting the disparity of access to health care, he has initiated programs in the United States and internationally to address this issue.

Dr. Partridge was President of the American Cancer Society for two years and held almost every role in that organization. Currently, he is serving his 4th term as Vice President of International Service at the Rotary Club of Birmingham, Alabama, USA, the largest Rotary Club in the world with 646 members.

If asked how he likes to spend his rare “down time,” Dr. Partridge would say that he likes to be at home with his wife, Barbara, with their grandchildren crawling all over him.

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**Sheila Hurst**

Sheila Hurst is a Doctor of Education who has applied her professional experience by serving as Team Leader for Kenya Smiles and is currently Co-Chair of the Health Education and Wellness Rotarian Action Group.

A Major Donor to The Rotary Foundation and a charter member of the Paul Harris Society, she is committed to supporting Rotary programs. Sheila has written Rotary grants for health and literacy projects in Kenya, China, Nigeria, and Zambia and has made more than 25 trips to Sub-Saharan Africa, Asia, and South America in the past 11 years for Rotary projects. She is an enthusiastic photographer whose photos have appeared in several issues of The Rotarian Magazine and in the book *The Rotary Foundation: 100 Years of Doing Good in the World*.

A member of the Rotary Club of Redding West in Northern California, Sheila served as District 5160 Assistant Governor for two years, one for Governor Karl Diekman. In 2018-2019, she will be District 5160 International Service Chair. She is honored to be a recipient of the Rotary International Service Above Self Award, the Rotary International Citation of Public Image Achievement Award, and her Club Rotarian of the Year Award.

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Karl Diekman

A Past District Governor and current District Rotary Foundation Chair, Karl Diekman began his Rotary experience in 1982 when he joined the Rotary Club of Belleair Bluffs, Florida, USA. Karl has been President of three Rotary Clubs and is currently a member of the Rotary Club of Woodland, California, USA.

As a Major Donor and Paul Harris Society member, Karl enjoys the privilege of supporting the many good projects of Rotarians around the world. The greatest benefit Karl has received from his Rotary experience could be the Polio vaccine drops he gave a child in India, the dictionary he handed to a child in Zambia, the water reservoir project in the tsunami area of Thailand he evaluated, teaching children in Myanmar (formerly Burma) and Kenya about oral health, or perhaps it was the cervical cancer prevention project in Nicaragua.

One of his greatest Rotary honors was receiving The Rotary Foundation Citation for Meritorious Service. Today, Karl's Rotary experience is enhanced by being a Board Member of the Health Education and Wellness Rotarian Action Group.

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AS ROTARIANS, WE ARE UNIQUELY POSITIONED THROUGH OUR WORLDWIDE NETWORK TO MAKE ENORMOUSLEAPS OF PROGRESS IN THE QUALITY OF LIFE FOR THE PEOPLE IN THE COMMUNITIES WHERE WE LIVE, WORK, AND PLAY.

IMAGINE IF YOU WILL THE OPPORTUNITY TO ADD DECADES TO THE LIFE EXPECTANCY OF MILLIONS OF WOMEN AND THE CHANCE TO IMPROVE THE QUALITY OF LIFE FOR EVERYONE WHEN WE HELP TO ELIMINATE CERVICAL CANCER.