



# WEEKLY BULLETIN

Issue 29 - February 16, 2006

## Minutes of Club Meeting on February 9

**Visiting Rotarians:** PP. Harry Wanderi (RC Malindi); Rtn. Bashir Mburu (RC Langata); Rtn. Nancy Dubosse (RC Muthaiga).

**Guests of Rotarians:** Klevina Power and Robert Njoroge, Youth Canada introduced by Rtn. Anantha Krishnan; John Omega introduced by Rtn. Atul Shah; Malinda Wheeler, Hope Worldwide and Dr. Josephine Ojiambo introduced by Pres. Eric Krystall; Simon Wakely, Friends of Africa and Caroline Pulver, FBL introduced by PP. Mike Eldon; Ms. Y. Andersen and Peter Chibole of Qatar Airways, introduced by Hon. Rtn. Mukesh Joshi.

**Rotarians welcomed back:** Rtn. Francis Njiri; Rtn. Koome Mwambia; Rtn. Sonal Sejal; Rtn. Mike Burton who presented a banner; Rtn. Gavin McEwen; Rtn. Rose Simba.

### Announcements:

- Rtn. Rose Simba announced a meeting of the Community Service Committee after the meeting.
- Rtn. Arthur Mattli gave details of the World Understanding Day meeting on 23rd February at the Intercontinental Hotel.
- Rtn. Nancy Dubosse announced that Muthaiga RC is organising a premier for "The Constant Gardener" on 24th February.

**Other events:** Rtn. Gavin McEwen donated KSh. 90,000/- for a Paul Harris fellowship and an additional donation to the club.

Peter Chibole of Qatar Airways donated and presented 2 air tickets for visiting eye surgeons who will assist Dr. Joshi in performing 15 corneal graft operations.

The **Sergeant-at-Arms** was Rtn. Alain Morell who raised KSh. 4,830/-.

The **speaker** was Ms. Truphena Seroney, Chairperson of the Special Olympics who gave a vivid and stimulating talk on "Sports for the Mentally Disabled".

## What is Fellowship?

By Diamond Lalji, Membership

What is Fellowship? This word is one of the key foundations of Rotary. Our own meetings are even called fellowships. As clearly highlighted at the last Club Assembly, without fellowship, Rotary misses its meaning. Essentially, what is it? Any ideas? Let's use its synonyms to describe it....Camaraderie, comradeship, friendship, partnership, association, society et al.

Now, read them again with the club in mind. Do we espouse any of these currently?

Let's take another angle on fellowship. What motivates Rotarians? As we know, motivated Rotarians become active members. They work together and the club becomes a success. And what motivates people to become active Rotarians? Fellowship, service, networking, recognition. As you can see, fellowship comes first. In his response to the query 'what is Rotary', Rtn. Mike Fairhead says the purpose of Rotary is the conjunction of friendship and service. Thus Rotary combines two key human desires. The desire for affiliation and the desire to help others. The question is, are we effectively fusing these two currently in the club?

Additionally, let's also paraphrase PP Manu Chandaria in his response to the query 'what is Rotary?' He challenges us to ask ourselves what has been our individual contribution to Rotary? With fellowship in mind, what has been our

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## Next Meetings

**Thursday, 16 February 2006, 12.30**

Club Meeting at Grand Regency

**Sgt-at-Arms:** Gopinath Bhatt/Juergen Ender

**Event:** Talk by Rotarian Salim Mohamed Fazal on "The Hajj and Ramadan and related subjects".

**Thursday, 23 February 2006, 12.00**

World Understanding Day—Luncheon at Hotel Intercontinental (@ Kshs.1,000)!

**Event:** The guest speaker is **General Elijah Sumbeiywo** who brokered the Sudanese Peace Process. A committee comprising Rotarians Arthur, Mari, Charles, Rita, Kauli, promises a great day as we also celebrate the day Rotary was founded.

**Thursday, 2 March 2006, 12.30**

Club Meeting at Grand Regency

**Sgt-at-Arms:** Jonathan Campaigne/Nani Croze

**Event:** Talk by **Colonel Shem Amadi**. He is a former member of the club and has been in Eritrea and is now in charge of Disaster Management with the Kenyan government. His Eritrean experience and new job is a double bundle worth listening to.

## Attendance Update

M=Thursday Fellowship

TTL=including committee meetings, projects, events, etc.

	M	TTL
<b>Avg JUL:</b>	60%	68%
<b>Avg AUG:</b>	59%	70%
<b>Avg SEP:</b>	72%	88%
<b>Avg OCT:</b>	57%	69%
<b>Avg NOV:</b>	67%	71%
<b>Avg DEC:</b>	50%	70%
<b>Avg JAN:</b>	54%	
<b>Feb 2, 2006</b>	55%	
<b>Feb 9, 2006</b>	54%	
<b>Feb 16, 2006</b>		
<b>Feb 23, 2006</b>		

## Minutes of Club Meeting on February 2

(Our apologies for not publishing these minutes in last week's issue)

**Visiting Rotarians:** Asst. Gov. Kaushek Manek (RC Muthaiga); Rtn. Marcel Mongeon (Hamilton, Canada); Rtn. Jeanette Ohlson (RC Kirseberg Malmo, Sweden); President-Elect Megan White (RC Nairobi South); Rtn. Nancy Dubosse (RC Muthaiga); Rtn. Christine Mburu (RTC Muthaiga); PP Dr. Bill Jackson (North Delta RC, Canada).

**Guests of Rotarians:** Rev. Thomas Imende, New Hope Outreach Ministries, and Ashif Kassim, HLB, introduced by PE. Diamond Lalji; Mr. Mukunya, Mukunya & Co., Advocates, introduced by PP. John Simba; P. Kantai, Ecoforum, introduced by Rtn. Anantha Krishnan; Francisca Ogonda, introduced by Rtn. Kauli Mwembe; Dr. Josphine Ojiambo, introduced by Pres. Eric Krystall.

**Returning Rotarians welcomed back:** Rtn. Zaf Khan.

### Announcements:

- PP Bill Jackson presented a banner and thanked the Rotarians for their assistance in the Cura Village Eye Camp.
- PP Mike Eldon gave a brief report on last weekend's eye camp and thanked the Canadian team for their great contribution, testing over 1000 residents and fitting over 600 pairs of spectacles.

The **Sgt.-at-Arms** was Rtn. Amar Kantaria who raised KSh. 4250/-.

The **business of the day** was the Club Assembly. Committee chairpersons presented reports on the current and proposed activities of their committees and answered questions. The Treasurer reported on club finances. PP. John Savage presented a report on the RCN Trust.

Asst. Gov. Kaushek Manek commented on the reports.

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individual contributions? What has Diamond Lalji done to propagate fellowship? And what can we do to enhance it?

A good illustration of fellowship is PP Jerry Owuor's mentoring of Rtn. Halima Shaiyah. PP Jerry invited her to his house where she met his family and in return they spent another session at her office. Hey, can we have more Jerrys in the club!

Certainly, we at Club Service Committee and Membership subcommittee are not abandoning our duties. The club belongs to all of us and in the spirit of Rotary we all have a responsibility to make it better. We welcome fellowship ideas from all of us. ...

## Rotary A to Z

### Glossary of Rotary terms

[As compiled by DG Abdulhamid Aboo. Every week—space permitting—we will continue to bring you new Rotary terms. This A-Z will also be published on our website]

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#### Assistant Governor

A Rotarian appointed by the governor, in accordance with RI Board policy, to assist the governor with the administrative work associated with club operations for designated clubs within an assigned geographic area.

#### Associate Foundation

A foundation which has been established based on criteria and guidelines from the Foundation trustees and approved for operation as an associate foundation by the trustees. The primary purpose of associate foundations is to provide tax benefits to Rotarians in countries where such foundations have been established.

#### Attendance Make-up

A member can make up his attendance by attending a meeting of another Rotary club either two weeks before or two weeks after the meeting of his own club that he misses.

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## For your Diary

Thursday, 23 February 2006, Hotel Intercontinental, 12.00 noon:

### WORLD UNDERSTANDING LUNCHEON

Tickets for KShs 1,000 can be booked with Kevin (M: 0722-492955).

Tuesday 21st February at 6.00pm at Grand Regency:

### VOCATIONAL SERVICES COMMITTEE MEETING

## February is World Understanding Month



## SERVICE Above Self

**ROTARY CLUB OF NAIROBI**  
Founded Sep 11, 1930  
Club No. 17261  
P.O.Box 41181-00100  
Nairobi, Kenya

#### Our Vision:

To remain the leading Rotary Club in Kenya and beyond, where dynamic members enjoy bringing great benefit to their community

#### Our Mission:

To implement high impact service projects in education, in health, with youth and elsewhere, while members enjoy each others' fellowship

#### Our values:

- Commitment
- Care
- Humility
- Friendliness
- Trustworthiness
- Responsiveness

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