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TOGETHER WE SEE A WORLD
WHERE **PEOPLE** UNITE AND TAKE ACTION
TO **CREATE** LASTING
CHANGE ACROSS THE GLOBE
IN OUR COMMUNITIES AND IN OURSELVES

As we stand on the cusp of eliminating polio, we find ourselves poised for our next challenge. **The time is right to move toward realizing a new vision that brings more people together, increases our impact, and creates lasting change around the world.** To achieve the vision of Rotary International and The Rotary Foundation, we have set four priorities that will direct our work over the coming years.

INCREASE OUR IMPACT

- Eradicate polio and leverage the legacy
- Focus our programs and offerings
- Improve our ability to achieve and measure impact

EXPAND OUR REACH

- Grow and diversify our membership and participation
- Create new channels into Rotary
- Increase Rotary's openness and appeal
- Build awareness of our impact and brand

ENHANCE PARTICIPANT ENGAGEMENT

- Support clubs to better engage their members
- Develop a participant-centered approach to deliver value
- Offer new opportunities for personal and professional connection
- Provide leadership development and skills training

INCREASE OUR ABILITY TO ADAPT

- Build a culture of research, innovation, and willingness to take risks
- Streamline governance, structure, and processes
- Review governance to foster more diverse perspectives in decision-making



President's Message

Dear Rotarians,

Happy New year 2024!

I hope you all had a wonderful holiday break with your loved ones.

It's hard to believe we are at the halfway mark of our Rotary year. It would not have been possible to make it through without your support. Thank you for all you do! I look forward to another exciting half year ahead with your support.

I would like to congratulate President Elect Elizabeth Kimkung and the incoming board that was confirmed at our special general meeting early this year. And a big congratulations to President Nominee Kalpa Padia. I wish you all the best as we continue to provide great leadership to our esteemed club.

Many thanks to our dynamic duo Rtn. Lady Justice Joyce Aluoch and Rtn. Baston Woodland for guiding us through a very meticulous process of reviewing our club bylaws. The revised bylaws were approved at our AGM in December. I urge all of us to take a moment to go through them and actively participate in ensuring our club is governed well as per our bylaws.

The main highlight of the second quarter of the year was the District Governor's official visit to our club. DG Leonard Ithau was very impressed by the Wezesha project. He hailed the project as a high impact project which has the potential to be a sustainable project. DG Leonard challenged us to scale the project by bringing more Rotary clubs on board and look at the possibilities of applying for a global grant. We took up the challenge and we are working towards that. I would like to thank Rtns. Laura Bonareri, Rajeev Arora, and Clinton Obongo for the leadership they have provided in executing the project.

Following the project visit, the DG joined us for our lunch time fellowship. It was another memorable moment as we took the chance to honour Rtn. Manu Chandaria for his dedicated service to our club for close to five decades. Past President Manu was honoured with the Kapila Award of Excellence. Our sincere gratitude to Past President Dinesh Kapila for the honour and continued support to our club. And we had another rare chance of hosting the District Governor for a third time! Many thanks to Rtn. Shubrika Johari and the family of Rotary for organising a memorable Diwali celebration at the BAPS temple. It was a beautiful evening of learning and appreciating the Hindu culture and sharing in the festival of light.


Thank you, dear Rotarians, for making the second half a memorable one. We have another exciting lineup of activities in the coming months, and I am counting on each and every one of us to keep up the momentum and make it a great close to this Rotary as we #CreateHopeintheWorld. We will have the SCAW team join us in the next few weeks for what will be the largest distribution in the history of the program. 8,000 kids are set to benefit this year. We will need more hands-on deck to support the community service committee and the site leaders. Please

reach out to Rtn. Nelson and Rtn. Laura for more information on how you can support. We will share the distribution schedule in the next few days.

We have started the third quarter of the year with a second eye camp in Makueni County. At least 300 patients will undergo cataract surgeries to restore their vision. This has been made possible through your generous contributions in the virtual fundraiser that was ably spearheaded by Rtn. Kalpa Padia. Many thanks to the RCN Trust for matching the funds.

We are now working on raising funds for our signature project this year, 'Adopt a School'. Our golf fundraiser is on 9th February at the Vet Lab. Please reach out to Rtn. Kalpa to support the fundraiser.

Dear Rotarians, here is to another wonderful second half of the year. I look forward to working with all of you to create hope in our club, our communities and in deed the world!



Rtn Susan Murabana



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GOVERNANCE AND ETHICS COMMITTEE REPORT

The Governance and Ethics Committee is pleased to report on its recent accomplishments:

1. Review and Drafting of Rotary Club of Nairobi Bylaws: The committee has diligently reviewed and crafted the Rotary Club of Nairobi Bylaws to ensure alignment with our club's values and goals. These bylaws have been unanimously adopted by the members, marking a significant step forward in strengthening the governance structure of our Rotary Club.

2. Establishment of the Vetting Committee: In recognition of the importance of maintaining high standards within our membership, the committee has successfully established a Vetting Committee. This committee is tasked with thoroughly vetting nominated members to ensure that they embody the principles and ideals of Rotary. The implementation of this committee underscores our commitment to upholding the highest ethical standards.

Looking ahead, the Governance and Ethics Committee anticipates the next crucial steps in our governance process:

- The approved Rotary Club of Nairobi Bylaws will serve as a guiding framework for our operations, fostering a unified and purpose-driven Rotary community.
- To further enhance the effectiveness of our committees, we are set to vet nominated directors during the upcoming Special General Meeting scheduled for 18th January 2024. We look forward to the approval of these nominations, a key milestone in the continued growth and success of our Rotary Club.

Thank you for your continued support and dedication to upholding the principles of governance and ethics within the Rotary Club of Nairobi. Together, we are shaping a future of positive impact and service.



KAPILA AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE

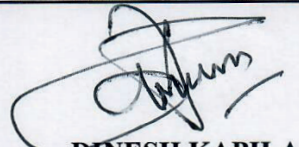
TODAY WE WISH TO RECOGNIZE AND GIVE A SPECIAL AWARD TO **AN EXCELLENT ROTARIAN**. MY WIFE SURINDER AND I HAD IN THE YEAR 2000, UPON MY COMPLETING MY YEAR AS PRESIDENT OF THE ROTARY CLUB OF NAIROBI FOR THE YEAR 1999/2000 DONATED AN AWARD CALLED THE **KAPILA AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE** PRIMARILY BECAUSE WE AS A FAMILY BELIEVE ONLY IN **EXCELLENCE** AND WISHED TO ENCOURAGE THIS IN OTHERS.

THIS IS NOT AN ANNUAL AWARD THAT IS WHY IT HAS BEEN PRESENTED ONLY A FEW TIMES IN THE LAST 23 YEARS AND IS TO BE GIVEN TO ONLY SUCH A ROTARIAN IN NAIROBI, WHO HAS THROUGH PROACTIVE ACTION, SHOWN THAT HE OR SHE NOT ONLY BELIEVES IN GIVING SELFLESS SERVICE TO THOSE IN NEED BUT ALSO GIVES IT IN A WAY THAT CAN BE TERMED AS **SERVICE OF EXCELLENCE** WHICH IS WORTHY OF MAKING KENYANS PROUD OF THE ROTARY MOVEMENT AND WHAT IT IS DOING FOR OUR COUNTRY AND WHICH IS ALSO AN INSPIRATION TO THE NEW AND UPCOMING ROTARIANS.

THIS TIME THE AWARD GOES TO AN EXCELLENT GENTLEMAN WHO BECAME A ROTARIAN EXACTLY 60 YEARS AGO IN 1963, WAS PRESIDENT OF THE ROTARY CLUB OF NAIROBI FOR THE YEAR 1982-1983, IS NOW 94 YEARS OLD, IS STILL ACTIVE, HAVING ALREADY DONE SO MUCH IN HIS LIFETIME BY WAY OF GIVING BACK TO THE SOCIETY INCLUDING BY INITIATING ROTARY'S RURAL BLINDNESS ERADICATION PROJECT AND ALSO THROUGH HAVING CREATED SO VERY MANY ORGANIZATIONS TO ENABLE SERVICE TO BE GIVEN TO KENYA AND ITS PEOPLE WHETHER IN THE AREA OF COMMERCE, OR INDUSTRY OR EDUCATION OR HEALTH INCLUDING AS FOUNDING CHAIRMAN OF EAST AFRICAN BUSINESS COUNCIL AND THE KENYA PRIVATE SECTOR ALLIANCE AND AS A RESULT HAS BEEN RECOGNIZED THROUGH APPOINTMENTS ON COUNCILS, ORGANIZATIONS, FOUNDATIONS, BOARDS, COMMITTEES AND TRUSTS, INCLUDING AS PATRON OF THE GLOBAL PEACE FOUNDATION FOR AFRICA, AS CHAIRMAN OF THE STREET FAMILIES REHABILITATION TRUST, AS CHANCELLOR OF THE TECHNICAL UNIVERSITY OF KENYA AND AS CHANCELLOR OF USIU AND HAS ALSO BEEN HONOURED WITH HONORARY DOCTORATES BY UNIVERSITIES IN KENYA AND HAS BEEN AWARDED BY TWO FORMER PRESIDENTS OF KENYA WITH AN EBS AS WELL AS A CBS AND IS ALSO THE RECIPIENT OF AN OBE FROM THE LATE QUEEN OF ENGLAND AS WELL AS HAS RECENTLY RECEIVED THE CARNEGIE AWARD IN THE UNITED STATES AND ALL THIS IS IN ADDITION TO AWARDS AND HONOURS IN INDIA, KOREA, MAURITIUS, NIGERIA AND SOUTH AFRICA.

LADIES AND GENLEMEN YOU WILL ALL AGREE WITH ME THAT THIS IS AN ABSOLUTELY UNIQUE PERSON WHOSE CONTRIBUTION AND SELFLESS SERVICE CAN ONLY BE CHARACTERIZED AS THE HIGHEST FORM OF **SERVICE OF EXCELLENCE**.

THE **KAPILA AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE** THIS TIME THEREFORE GOES TO NONE OTHER THAN, PAST PRESIDENT **ROTARIAN MANILAL PREMCHAND CHANDARIA**.



DINESH KAPILA
5TH OCTOBER 2023





DG's Visit to Wezesha Project in Athi River

It was a delight to have the DG, Leonard Ithau visit the RCN tailoring project at Wezesha institute in Athi River.

It was an unforgettable experience with the DG together with the RCN president Susan Murabana as they participated in sewing using the sewing machine with guidance from the tutors.

Alongside the visit, it was also a special day for some of the student who would be graduating. During the graduation ceremony the DG, Leonard Ithau presented certificates to the graduates and congratulated them for this achievement.

The DG was impressed with the initiative and encouraged RCN to make the Wezesha tailoring project a global grant project and partner with other Rotary clubs.

Rotarians from the District also took this opportunity to encourage the students by giving them advice on how to expand their creativity with the new skills they had just acquired.

All thanks to the DG Leonard Ithau and the district officials that were able to attend.



BAPS Visit



Diwali CELEBRATIONS

NOV.
30

6.00-8.00pm

Venue: BAPS Nairobi Temple off Forest Road

Donations can be made directly to the temple

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BOOKING IS APPRECIATED

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Rotary Club of Nairobi Explores the Rich Culture of Diwali with a Visit to B.A.P.S Temple

An Enlightening Temple Tour and Exhibition Deepen Cultural Understanding

Nairobi, 30th November 2023- The Rotary Club of Nairobi celebrated Diwali in a unique and culturally enriching way by organizing a temple visit to the B.A.P.S temple located on Forest Road in Nairobi. Over 50 enthusiastic Rotarians participated in this special event, fostering cross-cultural understanding and appreciation.

The temple visit, spearheaded by the Rotary Club of Nairobi, aimed to provide Rotarians with an opportunity to explore the traditions and spirituality associated with Diwali. The B.A.P.S temple officials graciously hosted the visit, offering an enlightening exhibition tour about Hinduism. The tour proved to be a fascinating experience for many Rotarians, particularly those of non-Indian origin, as they gained insights into the rich tapestry of India's cultural and religious heritage.

The exhibition covered various aspects of Hinduism, providing a comprehensive overview of its beliefs, practices, and significance during the Diwali

festival. Rotarians had the chance to learn about the symbolism behind Diwali rituals, the historical context, and the diverse cultural elements that make this festival so vibrant.

The evening reached its pinnacle with a delectable vegetarian dinner, bringing together Rotarians from diverse backgrounds in the spirit of camaraderie. The delightful meal was a perfect conclusion to an evening filled with cultural exploration and fellowship. President Susan Murabana of the Rotary Club of Nairobi expressed gratitude to the B.A.P.S temple officials for their warm hospitality and for facilitating an informative and engaging experience for the Rotarians. This unique Diwali celebration not only strengthened the bonds within the Rotary community but also served as a platform for cultural exchange and understanding.

The Rotary Club of Nairobi continues to uphold its commitment to fostering goodwill and understanding among diverse communities, and events like these exemplify the organization's dedication to creating a more interconnected world.







2023-24 Board of Directors



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President



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IPP



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Club Administrator

CLUB BY-LAWS






The Future of RCN:

Have your say in the Club By-laws

Join in the review of the club's updated by-laws facilitated by the dynamic duo

Rtn. Lady Justice Aluoch & Rtn. Baston Woodland, Ethics & Governance Committee

NOV. 9

12.30 - 2.00pm
Capital Club, Westlands
Kes. 1,800

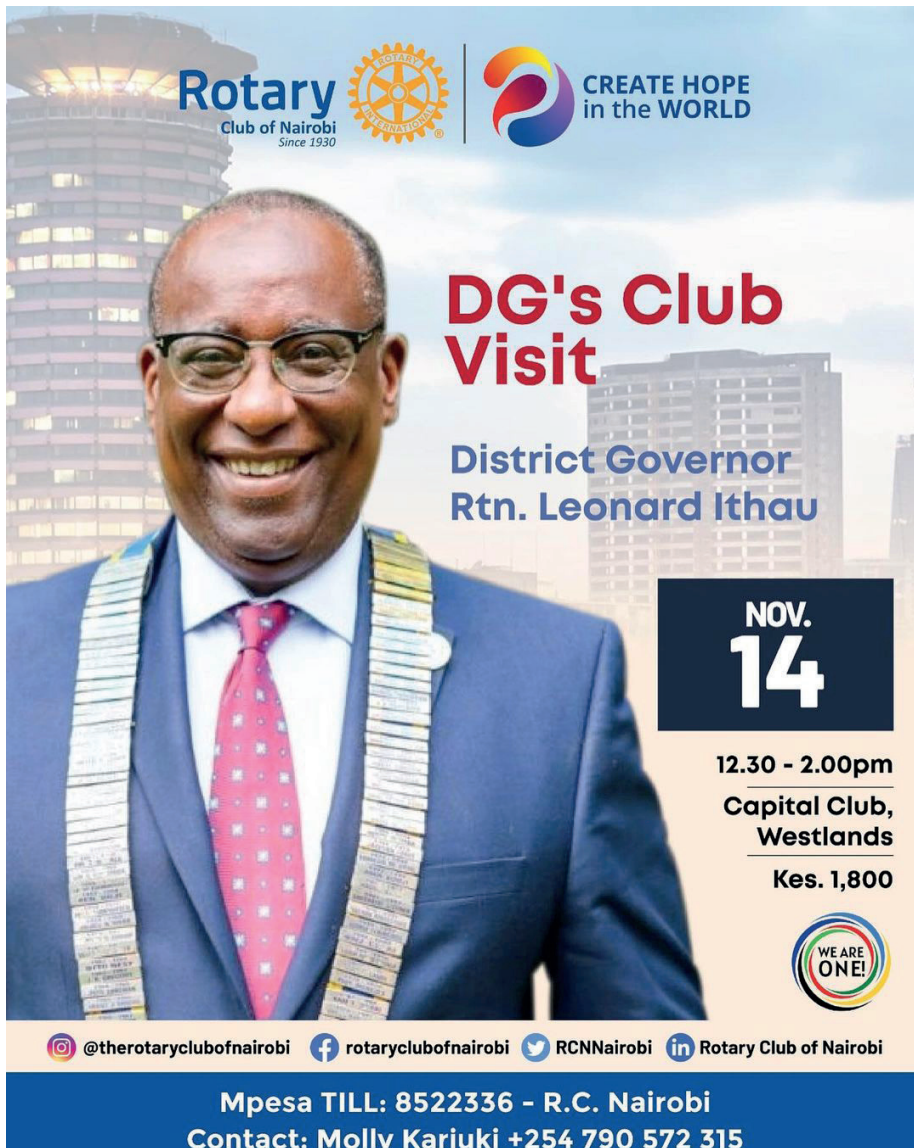
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DG CLUB VISIT



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DG's Club Visit

**District Governor
Rtn. Leonard Ithau**

**NOV.
14**

12.30 - 2.00pm
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