

# RCN BULLETIN

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### Giving Peace a Chance!



*Amid daily headlines of civil war, suicide attacks, ethnic violence and social unrest emerges some welcome positive news.*

The Rotary Foundation of Rotary International -- a humanitarian service organization dedicated to world peace and understanding -- has awarded seven Africans to study peacemaking and conflict resolution at the Rotary Centers for International Studies located at leading universities in England, Japan, Australia, Argentina, and the United States.

The African fellows in the 2008-10 class hail from Somalia, Zambia, Gambia, Nigeria, Togo, Kenya and Sierra Leone.

Launched in 2002, this innovative approach to world peace is a master's level program aimed at equipping the next generation leaders with skills needed to reduce the threat of war and violence. The Peace Fellows are selected every year in a globally competitive process in which applicants must demonstrate a commitment to peace through their personal, academic and professional achievements.

Like the members of the classes preceding them, the 60 students in the 2008-10 class are a diverse group, representing 33 countries and an array of professional and cultural backgrounds. Their interests and areas of expertise include education, international law, economic development, journalism, and social justice. The seven African fellows are:

- Mahamoud Abdi Sheikh Ahmed of Borama, Somalia He will attend the Rotary Center at the University of Bradford, England.
- Elias Courson of Porthacourt, Nigeria. He is attending the Rotary Center at the University of California, Berkeley, USA.
- Murtala Touray of Bakau, Gambia, He is attending the Rotary Center at the University of Bradford, England.
- Yawo Tekpa of Lome, Togo. He is attending the Rotary Center at the University of California Berkeley, USA.
- Teddy Foday-Musa of Freetown, Sierra Leone. He is attending the Rotary Center at the University of Queensland.
- Francis Kabosha of Mporokos, Zambia. He is attending the Rotary Center at the University of Bradford.
- Joseph Hongo of Nairobi, Kenya. He is attending the Rotary Center at the University of Queensland, Australia.

One of my most memorable experiences was observing the peace negotiation between the government of Uganda and Lord's Resistance Army rebels in Juba," says Hongo, who most recently assessed the underlying issues of the post-election violence in Kenya. "The responsibility to bring this country to peace and tolerance rests with Kenyans. It may take long, be difficult and sometimes involve sacrifice of certain interests,

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## Rotary Month

January is  
Rotary Awareness Month.

## RCN Website

We are on the Web:  
[www.rotarynairobi.org](http://www.rotarynairobi.org)  
[www.rotary9200.org](http://www.rotary9200.org)

## Attendance Update

**M = Thursday Fellowships**

Jan. 08th '09      76%

Jan. 15th '09

Jan. 22nd '09

Jan. 29th '09

## Next Meetings...

**Thursday,**  
**Jan 08, 15, 22 & 29th 2009**  
**@ 12.30p.m.**

**Club Meeting Venue:**  
**Laico Regency**

**All are Welcome.**

*Wishing You all, a  
Prosperous 2009  
with many Rewards  
& Happiness.*



**ROTARY CLUB OF NAIROBI**

Founded Sept. 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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**Visiting Rotarians, 08 Jan 2009**

Rtn. Gavin McEwen, RC Aberdeen, Rtn. Kathleen Stoup, RC Carlisle PA USA, Rtn. Emily Nyagaki, RC Milimani and Rtn. Michael Jordan, RC Miami USA.

**Rotarians Welcome Back**

Rtn. Ghullam Hussein, Rtn. Kamal Sanghani, Rtn. Shakeel Ahmed and Rtn. Dan Poenaru.

Rtn. Jonathan Campaigne was the Sergeant at Arms and raised Kshs 5950/-

**Guest speaker**

Our guest speaker was Ms. Megan McDonald from the USA and a



*President Ashok Shah*

Rotary Ambassadorial Scholar currently undertaking her Masters in Development Studies at the University of Nairobi who spoke to us on this Rotary Programme and her activities in Kenya.

**Happy Birthday, Gentlemen!**



*President Ashok Shah and Rtn. Juergen Ender, cut a birthday cake to celebrate their birthdays, which were on diverse dates in December. It was delightful to see both gentlemen don party outfits. Cheers Gentlemen, may you live to blow a thousand candles.*

# “10m Kenyans faced with Major Starvation!”



**F**ellow Rotarians, as you may already know, our country is faced with a very grim Food situation. More than 10m Kenyans are faced with real starvation due to crop failure in the last 2 seasons, coupled by the post election crisis - which affected food production in the country. Grim news is coming from the most productive parts of Kenya, to the effect that people in those areas are seeking relief food!. One can only imagine the situation in the less productive areas of the country.

As always, we Rotarians will not sit back and watch this grim situation unfold. This a special appeal to all Rotarians, regardless of your club to come together and see where we can urgently help, in whatever shape and form, to help our fellow Kenyans get through this Famine.

## Message from the District Governor - 2009 District Conference and Assembly

**G**reetings to you in Rotary!  
I am glad to note that I am nearing the completion of my official visits to the Clubs. During the visits all Club members have promised me that they will attend the 84th District Conference & Assembly in large numbers, going by the 4 Way Test.

It is my pleasure to officially announce that the venue of the 84th District Conference & Assembly has been changed from the Kenyatta International Conference Center (KICC) to the ultra modern facilities of the United Nations Complex in Nairobi.

Please note that all the registration fees will remain unaffected. The District Conference Committee has stepped up

the gear in the preparations. In due course you will be receiving finer details and related announcements on the Conference from the Conference Chairman James Gachui and his Committee.

I would like to remind all Rotarians and Guests to take advantage of the early registration deadline to register before 31st December 2008 to enjoy the discounted rates. I look forward to hosting you all to a memorable District Conference and Assembly from 13th to 16th May 2009.

Best regards and God Bless,

DG Kaushik Manek

*For Your  
Diary...*

**Thursday, 15 January 2009**

We will have a presentation by Ms.Daphne Kemunto, the Executive Director of the Lollipop Project. The objective of this very noble project is to identify black-spots on our roads and station people to assist school children cross the road.

**Thursday, 22 January 2008**

To be announced soon

**Thursday, 29 January 2008**

Dr. Ketan Shukla, Deputy Indian High Commissioner to Kenya will give a presentation titled Perspectives on Indian Kenyan Bilateral Relations.

*Yours in Service,*

Atia Yahya  
Programme Officer

**F**ollowing our discussions with the Management of Laico Regency, the following are the arrangements wef from this Thursday

### **OPTION A – SALAD BAR**

Tomatoes, grated carrots, cucumber, lettuce, white cabbage, Red cabbage, onions, green pepper, assorted of dressings and condiments.  
@ **Kshs.450/-**

### **OPTION B – FRESH SANDWICH CORNER**

Beef, chicken, salad, sliced brown or white bread, mini-baguette bread, mayonnaise or garlic butter @ **Kshs. 550.00**

### **OPTION C – DAILY SPECIAL**

Your choice of main of Beef or Fish fillet or chicken or vegetable.

Main dish will be served with potatoes or rice, seasonal vegetables appropriate sauce  
@ **Kshs. 850.00**

Dessert plate will be served separately with your choice of cakes or fruits.

**For all the above Extra drinks will be on cash basis direct.**

I would like to thank the management of Laico Regency for their understanding and support, and our team - Atia, Rachel and Nick for what we believe is a very good deal.

*See you on Thursday and we hope many more will be eating.*

- Rtn. Ashok

## Say it with Pictures!

## Giving Peace a Chance!

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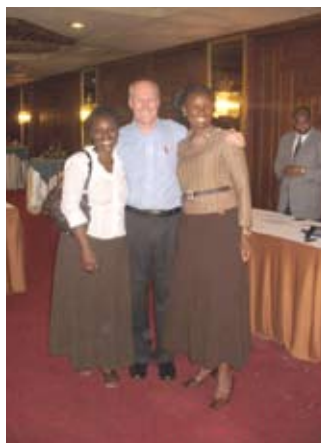
Rtn. Jerry Owuor, who has been away, attended the annual RCN christmas bash held last December. Welcome back Jerry.



The drummers who set the drums beating at the Laico Recency. African drum rumbled real hard... "wow I can still feel the beat!"



"Rhythm of the beat"....Rtn. Rita Rodgers and guests join in the beat to create harmony. This was one of the activities lined up for Rotarians at the bash. Thanks to the organisers for a job well done.



Rtn. Gladys Tetteh, Rtn. Nick Hutchinson and Rtn. Sally Gitoho are all smiles at the RCN annual christmas bash.

"Cheers everybody!".... Rtn. Chris Knochenhauer, fellow Rotarians and guests enjoy themselves at the Christmas bash.



but eventually all Kenyans will enjoy the fruits of their hard work, for generations to come."

In addition to the two-year program, the Rotary Center at the Chulalongkorn University in Bangkok offers an intensive, three-month course aimed at mid-level professionals in governments, NGOs, and international industry. After five sessions, 18 African professionals have completed the peace studies program in Thailand.

Liberian peace activist Richelieu Allison was a member of the first graduation class. He is the regional director of the West African Youth Network, a group that mobilizes and trains young people to restore peace and human rights in West Africa. Inspired by the peace fellowship program, he now plans to put what he has learned into practice. With the help of the Rotary Foundation and the Rotary Club of Freetown in Sierra Leone, Allison is organizing in March 2009 a three-week peace caravan through Liberia, Sierra Leone, Guinea and Ivory Coast.

"The aim of the caravan is to promote peace, unity and reconciliation in the war affected countries in West Africa and to increase the involvement of local people in the peace building process," says Allison.

Rotary Foundation Chair Jonathan Majiyagbe notes that 363 Rotary Center alumni, including 31 Africans, already are making a difference in key decision-making positions in governments and organizations around the world.

"It is this growing network of peace fellows that makes me believe that peace is possible and Africa will have a peaceful and prosperous future," said Majiyagbe, a lawyer from Kano, Nigeria.

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"I personally invite all Rotarians to attend the 84th Rotary District 9200 Conference & Assembly on May 13-16, 2009 at the UN Conference Centre Gigiri, Nairobi"

- DG Kaushik Manek

