



RCN BULLETIN

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Helping Children around the World

The Year of the Millionth Bedkit



SCAW, RCN officials and friends pose for a group photo in Nairobi.

Sleeping Children Around the World (SCAW), a Canadian charity, and the Rotary Club of Nairobi have collaborated for four years to provide bedkits to vulnerable children between the ages of 6 and 12 years with equal number of boys and girls. This is a relationship that has been valued by both organizations and has benefited more than 20,000 Kenyan children.

No portion of a bedkit donation is spent on administration — 100% reaches a needy child. Each *\$35 donation (Canadian funds) provides a bedkit that consists of a mat or mattress, pillow, sheet, blanket, mosquito net (if applicable), clothes outfit, towel and school supplies. Bedkit contents vary from country to country depending upon local needs. Rotary's donation consists of buying the materials for the bedkits, assembling them, transporting the bedkits to various distribution sites, and organizing the distribution of them to the children.

Since its founding by Murray and Margaret Dryden in 1970, SCAW has raised over \$20 million to provide bedkits for over

900,000 children in 33 countries. In 2009 SCAW reached its millionth child with a bedkit, and Kenya has the honor that out of the 5000 bedkits distributed, the millionth child was a Kenyan.

Every child is photographed with the bedkit, showing the donor's name/country (or special occasion message) on a label.

Each photograph is then mailed back to the original donor, providing a timeless way for the donor to remember the child who so greatly benefited from their generosity.

The appreciation luncheon is to thank the many Rotarians, Rotaractors, organizations, businesses, and individuals around Kenya who made this year's SCAW event, which took place from March 1 to 12, in Nairobi, Thika, Naivasha, Nakuru, and Yala, a success. Without the contribution of the many people to be honored on June 4, there wouldn't be 5000 more Kenyan children having a good night's sleep!

Rotary Month

June is Rotary Fellowships Month.

RCN Website

We are on the Web:
www.rotarynairobi.org
www.rotary9200.org

Attendance Update

M = Thursday Fellowships

May 14th '09 60%

May 21th '09 61%

May 28th '09 51%

June 4th '09

Next Meetings...

Thursday,
June 4th, 11th 2009
@ 12.30p.m.

Club Meeting Venue:
Laico Regency

All are Welcome.



A SCAW Official explains to young children what SCAW and the Bedkits they provide are all about.



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, 28th May 2009

Rotarian Tim Murphy Rotary Club of Edina USA, RATN. Mary Kurth rotary Club of Bloomington USA, Rtn. Jim Horland Rotary Club of Morningside Minnesota USA.

Guests of Rotarians

Rtn. Nick Hutchinson's guests were Mary Coulsan and Susan Stanfield from Sanchat and Rtn. Kamal Sanghani's guest was his mother Mrs. Usha Sanghani from Virgin International Ltd.

Rotarians welcome back

President Ashok Shah, Rtn. Kauli Mwembe, Rtn. Simeon Macharia, Rtn. Malinda Wheeler.

Announcements and Notices

- Rtn. Darsi Lotay requested all the members who did not have name tags made by Rtn. Kanu Devani to kindly do so and hand in their names to Rachel.
- Nick Hutchinson congratulated the members who had registered for Paul Harris and presented two Paul Harris



President Ashok Shah

regalia to Amar Kantaria and Barbara Magoha during the luncheon.

The Attendance Percentage was 54% Rtn. John McWilliams was the Sergeant At Arms and raised Kshs.3950/-.

We had no guest speaker but one of our Newly minted member Rtn. Wilfred N. Marube, the Chief Public Relations Officer at the City Council of Nairobi. A much misunderstand stood institution, Rtn. Wilfred spoke about the workings at City Hall and even explained the mystery of the flying chairs during council meetings and elections.

Thank you



President - Elect John Konchellah presents a gift to Mr. Aziz Bhaloo, who is the Resident Representative of Aga Khan Development Network in Kenya. He spoke on the very noble activities of AKDN in Kenya. AKDN owns many companies in Kenya & East Africa, which are household names e.g Nation Media, Jubilee Insurance, Air Uganda, Aga Khan Hospital among many others. Aziz briefed us on the various activities most of these organisation engage in and how they touch the daily lives of Kenyans and East Africans in general.