



WEEKLY BULLETIN

Issue 10 - September 15, 2005

Oh, what a day...!

This is an abbreviated report of our 75th Anniversary Celebrations on Thursday, 8th September as compiled by PE Diamond Lalji. You can read the full report on our website: www.rotarynairobi.org!



Club President Eric Krystall

Wow! Is this a great club or what?! Did anyone see that?! Did anyone see what happened on Thursday, 8 September 2005? Whether you are orange or banana—all converged at the historic The Stanley Hotel for the historic birthday a la the 75th Anniversary Birthday Celebrations of the Rotary Club of Nairobi.

This is a report on what transpired during one of the most tremendous days in the history of Rotary in District 9200.

By 10.30am Rotarians from our club and their spouses, members from Rotary clubs in Nairobi, Machakos, Thika, Uganda, Ghana, Germany, Rotaractors, the media, and other guests started streaming in.

Come 11.30am.....oh...where is the guest of honour...? Luckily nobody panics....a few minutes later the Hon. Raphael Tuju arrives accompanied by DG Abdulhamid Aboo, President Eric Krystall, PDG Governor Yusuf Kodwawwala among others.

Among the guests (see the website for a full list of attending Rotarians from this and other clubs) we had Rasmus Precht (sp) from IFRA, Violet Kairu, Nick Hutchinson from Unga Limited, David Wafula from Stanbic Bank Kenya Limited, Waiyaki Hinga among others.

Steered by IPP John Simba the birthday bash kicked off at about 11.30am with welcome remarks by our host Mr. Sandy Vohra the Chief Executive Officer of Sarova Hotels.

Mr. Vohra welcomed us back to our home and mentioned that Rotary was born at The Stanley 75 years ago. The very first club meeting was held at The Stanley and the club used to hold its meetings there before shifting to its present venue a few years back.

After him came PDG Governor Yusuf Kodwawwala who gave a brief history on where we have come from. He praised the club for being the most multicultural in the District and also proudly commended us for being the most active club in engagement with Rotary International especially when it comes to foundation grants.

Our very own President Eric Krystall came in next and he gave recognition to past Presidents who have steered the club to what it is now.

President Eric gave way to District Governor Abdulhamid Aboo who thanked the club for inviting him to the occasion. He also came with some good news to the club and this was a message and framed certificate to the Rotary Club of Nairobi from the Rotary International President Carl-Wilhelm Stenhammar. In his message, the RI President congratulated the club and reminded us that "it is through hands on service and active participation by each Rotarian in each club that our work continues to be meaningful and successful." He also said that this was a special time to celebrate since Rotary was also beginning its second century of 'Service Above Self' and urged us to commit to our motto.

The DG then introduced our Chief Guest Hon. Raphael Tuju the Minister for Information and Communication who promised to be brief and did just that. He talked of his cooperation with Rotary in development activities in his con

(Continued on page 2)

Next Meetings:

Thursday, Sep. 15, 2005, 12.30pm

Club Meeting at Grand Regency

Sgt.-at-arms: BARBARA STEEN-STRUP/JAMES MWANGI

Speaker:

Dr. Ramesh Karkare from the Rotary Doctors Bank on **"My experiences at Kilimambogo Mission Hospital"**.

Thursday, Sep. 22, 2005, 12.30pm

Club Meeting at Grand Regency

Sgt.-at-arms: NAZIR JADAVJI/SALIM FAZAL

Speaker:

Dr. Sam Thenya, the Chief Executive Officer of Nairobi Women's Hospital in Hurlingham. He will be talking from **first hand experience with rape victims of all ages**. From the poor toddler to the several decades old grandmother. Sadly, no age category has been spared in this gruesome crime...

Rape is the leading crime in Kenya. Murder, car-jacking, burglary, violent robbery et al have all been surpassed by this most heinous of all crimes. More women are raped in Kenya than there are people murdered or vehicles stolen. The reported statistics are shocking. What is even more shocking is that the cases are going up unabated! Moreover, the number of un-reported cases are numerous owing to the stigmatisation of victims.

Dr Thenya is a graduate of the University of Nairobi and has a Degree of Master of Medicine in Obstetrics and Gynaecology. He also possesses a Degree of Bachelor of Medicine and Bachelor of Surgery from the same institution.

Attendance Update

Average for July:	68%
Average for August:	61%
Sep 1, 2005:	73%
Sep 8, 2005:	60%
Sep 15, 2005:	
Sep 22, 2005:	
Sep 29, 2005:	

(Continued from page 1)

stituency. He mentioned the recent mobile health clinic in his constituency of Rarieda that was coordinated by Rotarians.

With all speeches done it was time for the induction of Paul Harris Fellows in the club. The first person was Rtn. Dr. Manu Chandaria followed by his wife the lovely Aruna. Next came Mrs. Florence Mattli the spouse of our International Service Direct Rtn. Arthur Mattli. Its worth mentioning that Mrs. Mattli was accompanied by baby Theodore Mattli who we believe is a future Rotarian! Lastly was Rtn. Barbara Steenstrup who showed utmost dedication by briefly postponing her engagements in neighbouring Tanzania to come and celebrate her 75th Birthday and also be inducted as a Paul Harris Fellow. Great commitment Barbara!

**...to read the full report and to download more reports and congratulatory letters, log on to:
www.rotarynairobi.org**

Minutes of Club Meeting on Sep 1, 2005

Guests of Rotarians: **Sam Wanyoike** of The Laundromatt Co. and **Charles, Lawyer** introduced by PP Steve Mwenesi; **Bernard Murunga**, advocate of Simba and Simba introduced by Rtn. Rose Simba; **Waiyaki Hinga**, entrepreneur introduced by Rtn. Elizabeth Maloba; **Mo Albrecht**, entrepreneur introduced by Rtn. Nani Croze; **Katrin, Isabel and Christina Ender** introduced by Rtn. Jurgan Ender; **David Wafula** of Stanbic introduced by Pres.-Elect Diamond Lalji; **Caroline Mantovani** of Alliance Francaise introduced by Rtn. Marilu Cahuzac.

Rotarians who have been away were welcomed back: **PP John Savage** and **Hon. Rtn. Friedel Liebe-Savage**; **PP Arun Devani**; **PP Darsi Lotay**; **Rtns. Marcel Werner**; **Romy Madan**; **Moyez Alibhai**; **Arthur Mattli**; **Gavin McEwen**; **Zaf Khan**.

Announcements:

- Rtn. Rose Simba announced a Community Service committee meeting;
- Rtn. Ashok Shah provided details of the 75th Anniversary feeding project at Jalaram Mandir Temple daily from 5th to 9th September and appealed for 10 volunteers each day from 12:45 to 1:30pm. He also announced arrangements for feeding children at Mbagathi Primary School (a project of the club) on 8th September after the celebration at the New Stanley Hotel.
- PP Sudesh Walia called for rotarians to purchase and wear 75th Anniversary T-shirts at the celebration;
- Rtn Gavin Gavin McEwen announced that he had successfully climbed Mt. Kilimanjaro and raised Ksh. 50,000/- from sponsors and himself for RCN club funds;
- Rtn. Kauli Mwembe announced walk for diabetes.
- President Eric Krystall announced a meeting of the 75th anniversary committee and appealed to all members to be present at 11:00 am on Thursday, 8th September at the New Stanley Hotel (where the club first met in 1930) to celebrate the 75th anniversary and to contribute KSH. 850 lunch money to feed children at Mbagathi Primary School. There will be no meeting at the Grand Regency. Attendance will be recorded at the New Stanley as well as make-ups for participation in the feeding projects.

The Sergeant-at-Arms was **Rtn. Rose Simba** who raised KSh. 6,000/-

The **speaker** was **PP Steve Mwenesi** who presented an excellent overview of the proposed new Kenya Constitution. Though he went 15 minutes over time the entire audience remained engrossed. He was thanked by Vice-President Atia Yahya.

This is a weekly publication by the Rotary Club of Nairobi. Editor-in-Chief: Christian Knochenhauer. You are receiving this as a member of the club or because you requested to receive this mailing. To remove your name from our mailing list pls send an email to: communications@rotarynairobi.org.

For your Diary:

"Can't Pay, Won't Pay"

What is "Can't Pay, Won't Pay"? It is a play by acclaimed playwright Dario Fo. Supported by the Embassy of Sweden it will be showing at the Phoenix Theater.

We have reserved 100 seats on Wednesday, 21 September 2005 for the Rotary Club of Nairobi. It will begin at 6.30pm. Tickets cost only Kshs.1,000 and we hope all of us will make it. Please bring along your spouses and friends. Phoenix Theater is located at The Professional Centre at the end of Parliament Road next to St. John's Ambulance HQs.

We will be having a cocktail before, during the interlude and after the play. This is a most opportune chance to build on our growing friendships and get to know each other better whilst cracking our ribs watching this hilarious comedy.

Please send your confirmations to Diamond Lalji on 2721710; Email: diamonddalji@africaonline.co.ke

Sep 15: Last day to return RCN questionnaire!

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

Board 2005/06:

President: Eric Krystall
Email: ekrystall@africaonline.co.ke
Mobile: 0733-621597

Vice-President: Atia Yahya
President-Elect: Diamond Lalji
Secretary: Romy Madan
Treasurer: Mike Fairhead

Website: www.rotarynairobi.org