



WEEKLY BULLETIN

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Minutes of Club Meeting on Sep 29

Visiting Rotarians: Rtns. **John Kiongo** of Nakuru RC; **Christel and Phillip Jensen** of Mansfield RC, Australia; **PP Isaac Gitoho** of Muthaiga RC.; **Ragnar Fridman** of Unkoping RC, Sweden; **Edward Kibirige** Kampala RC; **Yasmin Dennig** of Whitesands RC, New Mexico, USA.

Guests of Rotarians: **Marinella Donati**, Spouse of Valter; **Senanne Riungu** of AEAC, guest of Rtn. Mari Nelson; **David Wafulu** of Stanbic, guest of President Elect Diamond Lalji; **Marie Kodwawwala**, spouse of PDG Yusuf; **Roland Rasamoely**, Sec. Gen. of AFO, guest of Rtn. Anna Ramamonjariso; **Waiyaki Hinga** of Shell, Mbagathi Way, guest of Rtn. Elizabeth Maloba; **Maggie von Lekow**, Ridgeway Gables, guest of Rtn. Christian Knochenhauer; **Cary Radtitz**, guest of PP Jonathan Campaigne.

Returning Rotarians welcomed back: PDG Mohamed Abdulla.

Announcements:

- Rtn. Atul Shah announced a fund raising jazz concert at the home of Rtn. Arthur Mattli on 5th October;
- PDG Mohamed Abdulla announced a meeting of the Mathari Community Corps;
- Rtn. Sylvia Mwichuli announced a meeting of the SCAW committee.

The **Sergeant at Arms** was **PP Sudesh Walia** who raised KSh. 7,250.

The speaker, Rotary International Dignitary **Ron Denham** was introduced by PDG Yusuf Kodwawwala. He gave an excellent overview of the needs for water in Africa. He was thanked by PDG Mohamed Abdulla.

Spouses were presented with glass bowls, courtesy of Rtn. Nani Croze and roses, courtesy of PDG Mohamed Abdulla.

Next Meetings:

Thursday, Oct 6, 2005, 12.30pm

Club Meeting & Club Assemblies at Grand Regency

Sgt.-at-arms: STELLA BURTEL/
PRAFUL LAKHANI

Programme:

On this day, we do some house cleaning. Directors will report on the activities undertaken in their respective committees in addition to briefing members on future plans. You are all encouraged to participate and ask the Directors questions. We believe Directors will come prepared with reports. This should cover activities since the beginning of the Rotary Year (1 July to 1 September).

Thursday, 13 October 2005, 12.30

Club Meeting at Grand Regency

Sgt.-at-arms: BASDEV GAUTAMA/
JEETU BRAHMBATT

Speaker:

HE Mr. George Atkin, High Commissioner of Australia to Kenya.

The High Commissioner will give a general overview of Australia and again lets have questions ready for him.

Thursday, 20 October 2005, 12.30pm

Kenyatta Day (Public Holiday) - **NO MEETING!**

We say "Kwaheri"...



There comes a time in life when one has to move on. The time has come for one of us. Rotarian Marilu Cahusac is leaving the country and this week's meeting Thursday, 6 October 2005 will be her last fellowship with us.

On behalf of the President, the Board and fellow members of the Rotary Club of Nairobi we thank you for your service and dedication to the club and wish you the very best of luck in your new endeavours. We believe you will carry the spirit and motto of Rotary to your new station.

And like the Luo of Kenya say...."mountains don't meet, humans beings do" we hope to meet again.

Kwaheri Rotarian Marilu!

October is Vocational Service Month

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Attendance Update

Average for July:	68%
Average for August:	61%
Sep 1, 2005:	73%
Sep 8, 2005:	60%
Sep 15, 2005:	73%
Sep 22, 2005:	83%
Sep 29, 2005:	58%

Welcome to the fourth month of the Rotary Year: October!

The theme of the month is....Vocational Service. And what does Vocational Service mean? Put simply, it is the Second Avenue of Service. The Avenues of Service are based on the Object of Rotary and they form the philosophical cornerstone and the foundation on which club activity is based.

But what really is Vocational Service? Taken literally, a 'Vocation' is a career, profession, job, occupation etc. Juxtapose the word 'Service' and in Rotary language it means using our occupations and talents to assist others.

The myriad of ways we can do this include providing training to students and this was illustrated recently when some of our members partnered with Junior Achievement for a life skills seminar at USIU-Africa. Thank you guys! Also, within our own organisations we can provide training to our employees and colleagues as part of Vocational Service.

Another way to use our talents and occupations is through offering jobs or assisting the unemployed in securing jobs. There is no happiness like being able to earn a living. Similarly, since all Rotarians have vast experience in their respective vocations we can act as mentors the younger generation and this includes Rotaract and Interact clubs we support and other youth groups.

And finally maybe the most important of all - by reinforcing high ethical standards in our respective professions we will be the living embodiment of Vocational Service and Rotary's core mission and values. To paraphrase the RI President Carl-Wilhelm Stenhammar in his October 2005 message to Rotarians"Ethics is so important in everything that we do, particularly in business....."

So, how do we do this? Well, it does not necessarily have to be a group activity, we can champion the above in our individual capacities this month. At the end of the month let us all reflect and gauge ourselves.

If all our 90 plus members in their own little way mentored a young person, assisted in job placement and espoused good ethics in our professions imagine the general effects it will have on society? Friends, it will be something akin to the 'butterfly effect'. If each Rotarian can flap his or her wings we can cause a giant positive wave of change in society.

Fellow Rotarians, at the end of the month, let us all share our personal testimonies on individual efforts made during the Vocational Service Month.

Thank you all and lets begin flapping those wings of Vocational Service.

Yours in Service,
Diamond Lalji
Membership

It is with profound shock and great sorrow that we announce the sudden death of President

George Owino

of the Rotary Club of Westlands in a road accident on October 3. A very dedicated Rotarian, Dr. Owino was also one of Kenya's eminent dentists and his death is also a great loss to the people of Kenya.

Our last interaction with him was his attendance to our 75th Anniversary celebrations on Thursday, 8th September 2005 at The Stanley Hotel. We will keep you posted on funeral arrangements.

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October Birthdays:

David G. Hutchison—9th October
Mohamed Abdulla—10th October
Ghulam Hussain- 10th October
Michael Burton—17th October
Barbara Steenstrup—20th October
Gavin McEwen—21st October
Roland Ramamonjarisoa-
26th October
Elizabeth Maloba—29th October
Jeremiah Walter Owuor— 30th October

On behalf of the President, the Board and fellow members of the Rotary Club of Nairobi we wish to take this opportunity to wish you a **HAPPY BIRTHDAY!**



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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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