



WEEKLY BULLETIN

Issue 17 - November 10, 2005

Minutes of Club Meeting on November 3

Visiting Rotarians: PP John Forbes, Aboyne and Upper Deeside RC, Scotland; President George Nyagisere, Rtns. Jimmy Malu and Grace Magunga, Hurlingham RC. Rotaractors Winnie Kamakil and Lorraine Muluka, USIU Rotaract Club.

Guests of Rotarians: Angela Burton, Spouse of Michael Burton; Kanu Devani, Pelican Signs and Przemystew Bobak of the Polish Embassy introduced by Rtn. Romy Madan; Vassily Basper introduced by Rtn. Jitu Brahmhatt; Nick Burton of Barclays Bank introduced by Rtn. Hari Nathwani; Paul Krystall introduced by President Eric Krystall; Waiyaki Hinga introduced by Rtn. Elizabeth Maloba; Shashi Shah introduced by Rtn. Ashok Shah; Mr. Radic introduced by PP Jonathan Campaigne.

Rotarians welcomed back: Rtn. Ashok Shah, Rtn. Willi Strothman.

Announcements:

- Rotaractor Winnie Kamakil announced a USIU fund-raising dance on 11th November;
- PP. Darsi Lotay spoke of the polio inoculation days and Polio Plus;
- Rtn. Jessica Kazini announced the raffle for which she donated two bottles of liquor and raised KSh. 10,000/-
- Rtn. Arthur Mattli, Rtn. Rose Simba announced committee meetings

The **Sergeant at Arms** was Rtn. Hari Nathwani who raised KSh. 7,300/-

The speaker was Michael Joseph, CEO of Safaricom who spoke on the Economic and Social Contribution of the Mobile Phone sector to Kenya.

He was introduced by PP Jonathan Campaigne and thanked by Rtn. Hari Nathwani. His talk was very well received, Rotarians remaining well after time, commenting and asking questions.

Announcements from the Committees

Fundraising Committee

Harry Potter Movie

There are still 170 tickets to sell for our **Harry Potter movie event** on Friday, 2nd December. Could volunteers please contact Rtn. Atul Shah on 0733824378 or 0720606626 (atulshah.pkf@klsa.net) or his PA Catherine on 446616-9.

Club Treasurer

Payment of Club dues—that's over-due!

Mike Fairhead would like to remind all those 28 members who have not yet paid their dues to do so, now. Mike is happy to accept your payment in cash or cheque (but I am afraid not in kind) at any club meeting.

Community Service Committee

Sleeping Children Around the World

I wish to sincerely thank everyone for the wonderful response to our request to support the Sleeping Children Around the World Project. I wish to announce that we have received more than adequate requests from our Club Members and may not be able to accommodate new requests at this time. I wish therefore, to sincerely thank Rotarians for assisting us to find suitable locations.

Please note that any additional requests will be put on a waiting list and will only be accommodated if the above Rotarians are unable to meet their pledged numbers. Rotarian Sylvia Mwachuli

Next Meetings

Thursday, 10 November 2005, 12.30

Club Meeting at Grand Regency

Sgt.-at-arms: MICHAEL KLAAS/RITA GORI

Speaker:

SUNNY BINDRA. He will speak on **"Recapturing a Society Based on Values"** This is a topic all Rotarians can identify with.

Sunny is a columnist with Sunday Nation and a management consultant. No one should miss this!

DG Abdulhamid Aboo will be present at this meeting.

THIS WILL BE A PACKED MEETING- PLS BE SEATED BY 12.50!

Thursday, 17 November 2005, 12.30

Club Meeting at Grand Regency

Sgt.-at-arms: SYLVIA MWICHULI/RHODA ORENGO

Programme:

INDUCTIONS—Membership Subcommittee Diamond Lalji. See last week's bulletin for bios of the inductees)

Erratum...Erratum...

The headline in our last bulletin no. 16 should have read: "Minutes of Club Meeting Oct. 27" (and NOT Oct 20). (However, the content was the correct one). Apologeeeeeeeeeeeeeeeeez!

November is Rotary Foundation Month

Attendance Update

Average for July:	68%
Average for August:	61%
Average for September:	69.4%
Average for October:	tba
Nov 3, 2005	64%
Nov 10, 2005	
Nov 17, 2005	
Nov 24, 2005	

Colin Gordon Stannah

21st November 1911 – †12th October 2005

An Obituary by Friedel Liebe-Savage

Colin was the second son to be born into the affluent Stannah family in Essex, England. Thanks to Colin's grandfather, Joseph Stannah, the name was already synonymous for cranes and lifts as the seed was sown for one of the largest independent lift manufacturers in the Kingdom.

Colin grew up during an era when children were seen but not heard. This rather Victorian discipline brought out the best in him and as soon as he could fend for himself, he wanted to conquer the world. What better way to go than have a brush with the family's largest competitor on the world market, Otis Lifts. The latter wanted to send two employees abroad and since Colin and his friend were both interested, they simply flipped a coin. Heads – Kenya. Tails – South Africa.

Colin and his wife Nella arrived in Nairobi in the late 30s when selling lifts was just like selling snow to the Eskimos. With most 'sky-scrapers' a meagre three stories high, people used staircases and the only high-rise building in town, Torr's Hotel, already featured two Waygood-Otis electric elevators. It was not until the early 50s that seven storey buildings like Queensway House opened the market for a lift manufacturer.

This did not deter Colin and Nella from raising a family and long before Colin contemplated becoming a Rotarian, his son Dudley was born in July 1945. Little did the Stannahs know that Rotary history was already in the making within their own little nucleus.

On 14th July 1960, Colin Gordon Stannah was inducted as a member of the Rotary Club of Nairobi and served as its President in 1969-70, the year when Nella served as President of the Inner Wheel Club of Nairobi. Devotion to Service above Self can hardly be epitomised in a more inspiring way than a husband and wife team holding the reigns of their clubs simultaneously. 1969-70 was the only year this has ever happened in the Club's 75-year history.

And as Colin remained very active, being asked to serve on the advisory panel of his Club year after year, Nella felt she still had more in her than 'just one term'. In 1973-74 she again took the reigns of Inner Wheel, this time under the title of Chairlady as by then only the Head of State in Kenya could be called President.

Although Nella and Colin moved to South Africa in the early 80s, they never left Rotary. As soon as they had settled down near Johannesburg, Colin joined the RC of Benoni, where his wisdom and experience was as much in demand as in Nairobi. As a mark of their gratitude, his new home club awarded him with two Paul Harris Fellowships but the proudest moment was Colin's visit to Nairobi in June 1991. His son Dudley had joined his father's former Club in September 1986 and when the second generation of Stannahs was given the chain of office, Colin felt that his Rotary ambitions had truly been fulfilled. Again, this was the only time in the Club's history a Past President and his son, who had just been handed the reigns, sat side by side at the head table during a Chairman's Ball.

Colin died peacefully on the veranda of his home in South Africa, just shy of his 94th birthday. During the one-minute silence observed in his honour Rotarians remembered one of their fellows who had given his service to their Club for more than two decades and who had remained a Rotarian until the end of his life. Everyone's thoughts went out to Nella and her family, especially to Dudley.

It is now up to the next generation of the Stannah family to carry on the tradition started by Collin. Dudley and Mary Elizabeth have provided four candidates. Their eldest son has just been appointed to the UN's Nairobi office and who knows, he may just be the next in line.

For your Diary

Nov 11, 2005 at 7pm:

Joint Gala Dinner in honour of the DG at safari Park Hotel, Nyama Choma Ranch.

Nov 15, 2005 at 7pm:

Paul Harris Dinner at Muthaiga Club.



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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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