



### WEEKLY BULLETIN

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#### Minutes of Club Meeting on December 15

**Visiting Rotarians:** Rtn. M.A. Caratella from Lilongwe Malawi, Rtn. Ulrich Nitschke from the Rotary Doctors Bank and home club the Rotary Club of Braunschweig in Germany, Rtn. John Nzau from the Rotary Club of Nairobi.

**Guests of Rotarians:** Kanu Devami introduced by PP Praful Lakhani, Gloria and Mary introduced by PP Evelyn Mungai.

**Returning Rotarians welcomed back:** Rtn. Suli Shah, PDG Mohamed Abdulla

#### Announcements:

- Rtn. Nani Croze announced that President Eric Krystall was at the Aga Khan hospital and was doing well.
- Rtn. Arthur Mattli announced that the International Service Committee will be having a meeting immediately after the fellowship.
- PDG Mohammed Abdulla announced about a Christmas Party at Mathare in conjunction with the Mathare Rotary Community Service Corps on Saturday, 17 December 2005 in Mathare.
- Rtn. Rita Gori announced about a Christmas Party at Jacaranda School on Saturday, 17 December 2005 at Jacaranda Workshops.

#### Inductions

Messrs Rtn. Kanu Devani and Rtn. Przemek Bobak were inducted into the club in a ceremony presided by PP Mike Eldon while the DG Abdulhamid Aboo pinned lapel pins and gave out certificates and other Rotary materials for the new members.

#### Other events

- 3 Get Well Cards for President Eric Krystall were circulated and signed by all members present and given to Rtn. Nani Croze for delivery to the president.
- The DG also gave out a certificate of appreciation for outstanding work to Rtn. Ashima Malhotra from the Rotary Club of Hurlingham.
- Rtn. Rita Gori had an auction of 2 paintings which were bought by Rtn. Mari Nelson and Rtn. M.A. Caratela at Kshs.10,000 each.

The **Sergeant-at-Arms** was Rtn. Jessica Kazina who raised KSh. 5,100/-.

The **Guest Speaker** Mr. Steve Farago who was introduced by Rtn. David Wafula. He gave a presentation on the sale of stamps as a fundraising strategy for the club. He promised to buy 1 kilogram of stamps at Kshs.2,000. Rtn. Nicholas Hutchinson gave the vote of thanks.

The District Governor said the final grace and thanked the club for inviting him to the fellowship.



#### Dear Fellow Rotarians,

Thank you for your cards and flowers. I am well again and ready for another six months leading a wonderful club.

I wish to thank you for the support you have given me in maintaining and enhancing the service our club has provided to the Nairobi and surrounding communities over the past 75 ears. Our anniversary celebrations were a high point in the past six months. Let us continue to celebrate with feeding schemes and more direct projects for youth and orphans. We will continue to

add quality members who will provide impetus and initiative to our committees as well as enhancing our fellowship.

We can all look forward to the coming year which will continue with the outstanding leadership that Diamond and his new Board will provide.

Nani joins me in wishing you a joyous end to this year and a wonderful 2006.

Yours in Rotary, Eric

#### Next Meetings

##### Thursday, 5 January 2006, 12.30

Club Meeting at Grand Regency

**Speaker:** Robert Njoroge from UN-Habitat/One Stop Youth Centre (topic to be confirmed)

**Rotarian in Charge:** Anantha Krishnan

##### Thursday, 12 January 2006, 12.30

Club Meeting at Grand Regency

**Speakers:** Mrs. Jane Tyrrell and Mrs. Sue Anderson on "Riding for the Disabled in Kenya".

**Rotarian in Charge:** Past President Praful Lakhani.

##### Thursday, 19 January 2006, 12.30

Club Meeting at Grand Regency

**Event:** HARD TALK

**Rotarian in Charge:** Elizabeth Maloba

**January is  
Rotary Awareness  
Month**

#### Attendance Update

	M	TTL
Avg JUL:	60%	68%
Avg AUG:	59%	70%
Avg SEP:	72%	88%
Avg OCT:	57%	69%
Avg NOV:	67%	tba
Nov 3, 2005	64%	
Nov 10, 2005	72%	
Nov 17, 2005	60%	
Nov 24, 2005	75%	
Dec 1, 2005	47%	
Dec 8, 2005	47%	
Dec 15, 2005	47%	
Dec 22, 2005	No meeting	
Dec 29, 2005	No meeting	

## Christmas Party at Mathare by RCC of Mathare

Reported by PDG Mohamed Abdulla

I am most happy to report that the first public event of our RCC of Mathare (in formation) of holding a Christmas Party for young children between the ages of 4 to 10 was a huge success, beyond my expectations.

The party was held in a Church hall which was still being built. The floor was still mother earth but the members of the Mathare RCC transformed the hall into a huge party atmosphere by having a centre stage with all the Xmas decorations.

When Rtns James Mwangi, Nick Hutchinson, his teenage daughter Laura, Mahmud (RC of Naivasha), Molly and I arrived, there were already around 400 kids in their best Sunday clothes. They were kept entertained by the RCC members. Children also had their faces painted for this festive occasion. The hall was rented from the Church with their PA system and everybody in the party was in the mood with the music.



The pastor of the Church and a local representative from the Chief's Office were most impressed as they were witnessing an unusual event with so many children! They knew nothing about Rotary and what our RCC of Mathare was planning to do.....so we now have strong allies in them in that area.

The food was originally cooked for only 200.....but the number of kids kept on increasing. The audience of these young children was chaperoned by our RCC Members. Entertainment programme was also presented by children. Many were from 'informal schools' (new phrase I learnt since visiting Mathare). They were preparing for the last three weeks.....I was most impressed by the catwalk presented by the budding models who were not even 10 years old!

The party focused on the kids only.....with no formal speeches. I had never seen such a big splash with so many kids around.....I was overjoyed.

When I visited the kitchen (food was also prepared by some members of the RCC), I was assured that it would be enough.....Was it? We ended up feeding over 600 children.....I have no idea how they managed.

There were gifts for only 200 kids, but thanks to Laura(Rtn Nick's daughter) and others, for doubling the packets. So eventually, at the suggestion of the pastor, we gave gifts to those whose faces were painted as they were there from the beginning.

And.....so ended a very successful party just before 3 pm. THANK YOU ALL FOR ASSISTING.

With best wishes of Christmas and the New Year!

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**Welcome new members:**  
**Rtn Balkrishna Devani and**  
**Rtn. Przemyslaw Bobak**  
**...into the Rotary Club of Nairobi!**  
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### January Birthdays:

- Simeon Macharia—1 January**
- Basdev Gautama—2 January**
- Barrack Muluka—10 January**
- Salim Fazal—21 January**
- Melanie Richards—22 January**
- Michael Klaas—24 January**
- Jjitendra Brahmhatt—25 January**

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!**

We hope you have a great day surrounded by your loved ones.

### For your Diary

**Thursday, Jan 05, 12 noon at Grand Regency:**

Board Meeting to discuss and plan the RCN and a wider Rotary response to famine relief

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 Founded Sep 11, 1930  
 Club No. 17261  
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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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