



## WEEKLY BULLETIN

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### Minutes of Club Meeting on January 5

**Visiting Rotarians:** Rtn. John Nzau, RC Nairobi North.

**Guests of Rotarians:** Stephanie Besser, editor and literary agent introduced by PP John Savage; Kevina Power, and Robert Njoroge, World Urban Youth Forum and Centres for Urban Youth Development introduced by Rtn. Anantha Krishnan; Mike Dolan introduced by Rtn. Willi Strothman; David, husband of and introduced by Rtn. Jessica Kazina; Sharon Konchellah, Kenyan Embassy, Vienna introduced by Rtn. Elizabeth Maloba.

**Rotarians welcomed back:** PP. Jonathan Campaigne; Rtns. Melanie Richards; Mike Burton; Koome Mwambia; John Konchellah.

**Announcements:**

- Rtn Rita Gori said that the diabetes calendars were for sale.

The **speakers** were Kevina Powers and Robert Njoroge who spoke about the Centres for Urban Youth Development. They were introduced by Rtn. Anantha Krishnan and thanked by Rtn. Mari Nelson.

The **Sergeant-at-Arms** was Rtn. Sally Gitoho who raised Ksh. 6250/-

### Announcements by the Committees

**Community Service Committee**

The Community Service Committee is conducting a huge project in early March 06: **Sleeping Children around the World**.

It involves the manufacture and distribution of 3,000 bedkits to slum children around Nairobi. You have most likely heard about it and possibly have committed your services as a volunteer.

**The broad schedule is:**

Jan 06: Manufacture and delivery.

Feb 06: Assembly at Jacaranda School.

March 06, 1st Week: Distribute with SCAW team Canada.

The subcommittee in control of the project is led by Rtn. Sylvia Mwichuli. Planning is at an advanced stage.

My appeal to you is for help in procurement.

Although I have set up a provisional purchase schedule, I am seeking Rotary "connections" for better pricing.

If you are able to use your network and get me a good "charitable" price, please inform me by return urgently.

Only the bedsheet + pillowcase and zippered bags are already confirmed and ordered, due to the long lead time required.

Please advise:

- Manufacturer.
- Phone #
- Contact person.
- Price offered.

Please contact:

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### Next Meetings

**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

**2006 Diabetes Calendars still available!**

Contact Rtn. Rita Gori, Tel: 2716850/14963, Mobile 0722 516318

**January is Rotary Awareness Month**

### Attendance Update

M=Thursday Fellowship

TTL=including committee meetings,

	M	TTL
Avg JUL:	60%	68%
Avg AUG:	59%	70%
Avg SEP:	72%	88%
Avg OCT:	57%	69%
Avg NOV:	67%	71%
Avg DEC:	50%	70%
Avg JAN:		
Jan 05, 2006	47%	
Jan 12, 2006		
Jan 19, 2006		
Jan 26, 2006		
Dec 29, 2005		

## Where Angels Fear To Tread

Rotary volunteer doctors, from the Rotary Doctor Bank, fearlessly serve.

By PP Sudesh Walia

South of the Sahara Africa presents numerous challenges.

Indescribable poverty, lack of medical facilities, very poor roads and communication, flooded and impassable rivers, doctors waiting for rivers to give way, and there is an ever present risk of security from wild animals and bandits.

Living conditions are very basic, necessities and food are just enough to survive. Once a tree fell on the roof of the bedroom of one doctor but luckily, he escaped unharmed.

Still, Rotary Volunteer Doctors keep on coming back to Garissa, Nandi Hills, Klimambogo, HomaBay, Mashuru, Muthale, Mutomo, Maseno, Ugunja, Pemba, Addisababa, Kenya, Zanzibar, Tanzania and Ethiopia. What drives these odd 650 Doctors, from Sweden, Holland, Scandanvia, USA and India to come and serve annually in wake of extreme hardships? "The satisfaction to have provided service where needed the most. The Doctors know that very well but for them these people would not know what the word Doctor means."

There simply are not enough doctors for everyone in Kenya. In a population of 30 million plus people of Kenya, there are just 5539 Doctors including 707 dentists. Most of these Doctors prefer to work in urban areas.

Look at the hectic pace of daily workload:

On a busy day, one Volunteer Doctor examines nearly 60 patients .In 2004, Mutomo Dental clinic examined 4490 patients of which 1444 were children. Same year, Outreach Clinics served 27294 patients. In Garissa 1241 minor and major surgeries inclusive of deliveries were performed in the year 2004.

The Volunteer Doctors are highly skilled and experienced and come to give back to humanity what they had been given in Sweden. Swedish government provides tremendous support to its people in education and training and Swedish Doctors grow up with a feeling of gratitude and feel duty bound to provide Service above Self. Even in the wake of having faced personal tragedies when in Kenya, doctors have come back. Retired Doctors decide to Volunteer, Working Doctors, accumulate their leave and use it to serve as volunteers. There are 10 Rotary Cars for Outreach Clinics and one small airplane that takes Doctors to remotest parts of Kenya. The Volunteer Doctor programme is funded by the Rotary Foundation through Individual Grants. The funds are sufficient to provide Air Fare, accommodation and food to the doctors. Spouses accompany some doctors, which is a better idea. The spouses take care of the paper work and the logistics while doctors devote every minute of their time to Medical care. Moreover, the base hospitals are usually located in remote areas. Evenings and Sundays become really lonely at times. There is no TV and not even a telephone though with the advent of Mobile phones, communication is possible, these days. However, at times the mobile phone does not work due to lack of network availability. Doctor's work under very harsh conditions.

*(to be continued next week...)*

## Thank you!

### KNH Quadruplets Appeal (\*)

Dear Rotarians,  
You will recall the above appeal in September 05, which had an excellent response. A total of 60,300.00 was raised, which allowed the purchase of necessities required by Rebecca to care for her new family and a monthly stipend to support her in the first few months.

A big "Asante" from Rebecca, Barbara Magoha. and myself.

Romy Madan

(\* Rebecca Auma was a volunteer worker at WOFAK, a women/Aids organisation. She conceived quadruplets with difficulty after 13 years. One of the babies has died and her husband, a journalist with an NGO, had been made redundant.)

## For your Diary



We are on the web:  
[www.rotarynairobi.org](http://www.rotarynairobi.org)  
[www.rotary9200.org](http://www.rotary9200.org)



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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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