



WEEKLY BULLETIN

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Minutes of Club Meeting on January 12

Visiting Rotarians: PDG Michael Johnson, Kromboom RC, Cape Town; Jane Mberia, Milimani Rotaract Club.

Guests of Rotarians: Asif Kassam, HLB introduced by President-Elect Diamond Lalji; Dr. Paul Sayer, IAVI and Fred Odek, Silver Africa Tours introduced by PDG Michael Johnson; Nick Barton, Barclays introduced by Rtn. Hari Nathwani

Rotarians Welcomed Back: PPs. David Hutchison, Darsi Lotay; Rtns. Halima Shaiya, Amar Kantaria, Kauli Mwembe, Basdev Gautama, Gopinath Bhatt.

Announcements:

- PDG Michael Johnson discussed the new Rotary Passports and Credit Cards
- Rtn. Nick Johnson described his visit to Diani RC and presented a banner
- Rtn. Rose Simba announced a meeting of the Community Service Committee after this meeting
- President Eric Krystall informed members that PP. Mike Eldon was in the Nairobi Hospital

The **Sergeant-at Arms** was Rtn. Carmelo Cocuzza who raised KSh 6xxxx

Speakers: PP Praful Lakhani introduced the speakers, Jane Tyrrel and Sue Anderson who spoke and showed a video on "Riding for the Disabled". They were thanked by Rtn. Carmelo Cocuzza.

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!

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January is Rotary Awareness Month

Message from the DG

Dear Rotarians,

May I just share with you information which makes us all feel proud and good....so that you know.

The RI positions/appointments of Rotarians from District 9200 2005/6 are as follows:

- PDG Andy Chande - Rotary Foundation Trustee.
- PDG Yusuf Kodwawala - Water, Health and Hunger Concerns Resource Group (Africa Representative) and Member, Africa Regional PolioPlus Committee.
- PDG Henry Kyemba - Member, Africa Regional PolioPlus Committee, RI Representative to United Nations Environmental Programme (UNEP) and Uganda National PolioPlus Committee Chairman
- PDG Shifferaw Bizuneh - Member, Africa Regional PolioPlus Committee, RI Representative to United Nations Economic Commission for Africa, RI Representative to African Union and Ethiopia National PolioPlus Committee Chairman
- PDG Amin Merali - Kenya National PolioPlus Committee Chairman
- PDG Nelson Kawalya - RI Membership Zone Coordinator - Member, Zone 10
- PDG Abdul Samji - RI Fund Coordinator - Kenya

Regards
Hamid Aboo
DG D9200

Attendance Update

M=Thursday Fellowship

TTL=including committee meetings, projects, events, etc.

	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	57%	
Jan 19, 2006		
Jan 26, 2006		
Dec 29, 2005		

Where Angels Fear To Tread—Part 2

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

By PP Sudesh Walia

(Continued from last week)

They have to treat all types of patients including suffering from animal bites, e.g. snake, lion, hyena, crocodile, rabid dogs etc. At times, patients walk days to reach the Mutomo or Garrisa Hospital, the only ray of hope. Mosquito bite, leading to Malaria, is most common and deadly if not treated in time.

Doctors working in these areas get to understand the needs of the communities. Preventive health care is very important and years of education and preventive care have reduced the number of many diseases. 3 H Grant of 37 Wells and boreholes has provided safer water and has improved the over all hygiene in general. All these projects materialize with the contacts they built with the local Rotary clubs. Today, rotary clubs are not centralized just in Nairobi or Mombasa but almost all over Kenya. The nearest Rotary club becomes the home club for these Doctors during their stay of 30 days.

Distribution of mosquito nets, wheel chairs, eye glasses, medicines, theatre and hospital equipment are result of some of the Matching Grants having come through Volunteer Doctors.

Mutomo Mission Hospital in Kitui District is situated in an extremely poor environment due to more or less permanent drought conditions. The hospital is greatly assisted when a Rotary surgeon comes to relieve the Medical officer of health. The hospital, simply cannot afford to hire a Doctor.

The patients pay Shs.50(\$00.68Cents) for a visit to the doctor of which Shs.10 go to the Health Committee and 40 go to replenishing the stock of medicines carried to the clinic. For poverty stricken communities to pay more than Shs.50 is not possible. Even this fee is too high for many and the women and children's health need gets second priority in the family. Rotary Doctors have to step in to see that the whole family is healthy. At times volunteer Doctors pay from their pockets to see that health care is provided to all who need it, irrespective of their status in the family.

Rotary Doctors care for all the ethnic groups, women, children and adults on the basis of equality. For them a patient is a patient, period. All are equal. Democratic principles are followed and taught in a very subtle way.

For sustainability, the community must learn to take responsibility, for their own health.

School children are screened on a regular basis and taught preventive care. Training programmes are a must

For village health committees and Community workers. Such important activities are not with in the resources of Rotary Doctor Bank but with the financial support from SIDA (the Swedish Aid Agency) quite a few have been trained in a programme run in close co-operation with the Primary health care staff in Siyaya District.

Already one clinic, Simenya, has been developed into a community dispensary and the Rotary Doctors have moved to other areas of need.

For your Diary

Thursday, 2 February 2006, 12.30pm:

Club Assembly, Grand Regency Hotel.
Committee chairmen: Kindly send your reports via email to the club ideally by Monday 30 January 2006 .



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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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