



WEEKLY BULLETIN

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Minutes of Club Meeting on January 19

Visiting Rotarians: PP Joe Otin, Nairobi East RC; Rtn. Yolanda Melhmed, Atlanta Peachtree RC, USA; Rotaractors Jeanette Eis and Onesmas Mulyunga.

Guests of Rotarians: Assif Kassim, HLB, introduced by President-Elect Diamond Lalji; David Boorman, ARM, introduced by Rtn. Ashok Shah; Paul Mate-lomg, introduced by PP John Simba; Cindy Thompson, introduced by Rtn. Marie Nelson; John Ohaga, introduced by Rtn. Atul Shah; Dr. Josephine Ojiambo, introduced by President Erin Krystall, Mart Emer, introduced by Rtn. Jessica Kazina; David Konchellah, introduced by Rtn. John Konchellah.

Returning Rotarians welcomed back: PP Manu Chandaria; PP. Steve Mwenesi; Rtns. Suli Shah; Jitu Brahmhatt, Morel, Moyez Alibhai.

Announcements:

- Rtn. Atul Shah announced that the premier of "Harry Potter and the Goblet of Fire" raised KSh.275,000/-
- PP Sudesh Walia announced that Rotary pins were now available at a cost of KSh.200/-
- Hon. Rtn. Mukesh Joshi announced that 15 corneas have been donated. The cost of each implant operation will be KSh.20,000/-. He appealed for sponsors.

The **Sergeant at Arms** was Rtn. David Wafula who raised KSh.6,500/-

The **speakers** were:

1. PP. **Evelyn Mungai** who presented a video on the Cura Village Community Corps' Tissue Cultured Bananas" Project and the Celebration of their First Harvest.
2. **Dr. Dirk Christenson** of the University of Copenhagen and **Dr. B.W. Kilonzo** of KEMRI who spoke on Diabetes Research. They were introduced by Rtn. Mohamed Rahemtulla and thanked by Rtn. David Wafula.

Announcements from the Committees

Cura RCC Eye Camp

As you are aware from earlier circulations, we will be holding an Eye Camp at Cura Village on 26, 27 and 28th January 2006. We have 5 doctors and 15 other Rotarians from the Rotary Club in Canada.

We request all Rotarians to attend and witness our fellow Rotarians from Canada in this week of assisting our RCC. Also they require assistance with translation as well.

Who will rise to the occasion?

Our President Eric will be there and we are assisting with other logical support i.e. transportation etc.

Do get back to me if you require more information or from Rotarian Bonnie Sutherland who has just returned from Kakamega, on a similar mission, and is staying at the Fairview Hotel.

Rtn. Evelyn Mungai
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Next Meetings

Thursday, 26 January 2006, 12.30

Club Meeting at Grand Regency

Event: Induction of Mr. Nick Barton into the club. Nick is the Director Representative Office for Barclays Private Banking in East Africa. The induction ceremony will be conducted by Rtn. Sally Gitoh

Make this meeting a special day for our new members: Please do turn up and welcome them to our club and the world of "Service Above Self"

Thursday, 2 February 2006, 12.30

Club Meeting at Grand Regency

Event: Club Assemblies - Progress report by Directors and Question and Answer Session.

Rotarian in Charge: Secr. Romy Madan

January is Rotary Awareness Month

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	61%	
Jan 26, 2006		
Dec 29, 2005		

What the Heck is Rotary?

January is a time to reflect on the year gone by and also look forward on the New Year. January is named after the Roman god Janus who had two faces so as to be able to look backwards and forwards.

Well, January is also 'Rotary Awareness Month'. What's the connection with the above? And what are we supposed to do on awareness? One, lets be like Janus. By looking back, how has Rotary been perceived? Looking forwards, how do we want to be seen? How can we enhance our public image? Positively you will all concur. As you may be aware, one of the goals of Rotary in its second century of service is to enhance its public image. That's also our image at the Rotary Club of Nairobi. A good public image is important so as to attract quality members and also support for our activities financially and in kind.

Thus, this is the month to create awareness on Rotary. Its seems we are not known and if known people's perceptions are misconstrued. Sample the following replies from people across the world from the January 2006 issue of The Rotarian when asked 'What the Heck is Rotary?'....

- I have seen old people wearing the Rotary pin but I have not known what they are doing.
- Rotary is a circular road along which cars turn around.
- An organisation of which members are local VIPS.
- Something that goes around in a cycle.
- Is that a traffic cycle?
- I don't know what it is.
- I've never heard about it.
- Rotary is an old people's group, but they have a good magazine. They leave copies on our reading table.
- They do fundraising work, and I'm not really sure of other things, but I know they eat a lot.
- Rotary is an association of people with money, for example physicians, who support their own members.
- Rotary is a club for special people. I really do not know whether that is a group of respectable people or if they are just having fun together. It is a mystery to me.
- Rotary is a club for old, rich and smug male swells.

So, what can we do?

Funny, isn't it?! Yes. So what can we do? Any suggestions on the way forward for us? We are anxious to hear the responses to the query 'what is Rotary' by our colleagues, friends, families and for the most daring...strangers.

Feedback

Based on this feedback, we can generate some ideas on how to remodel ourselves or otherwise we may just be looked at as something that goes round in a cycle.....or some local VIPS who eat a lot!!

Yours in Service,
Diamond Lalji
Membership

For your Diary

Tuesday 31st January 2006 at 6pm at the Grand Regency Hotel:

RCN Board meeting.

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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