



**WEEKLY BULLETIN**

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**World Understanding & Peace Day**

World Understanding and Peace Day was aptly celebrated on Thursday, the 23rd February at the Hotel Intercontinental in Nairobi.

More than 200 Rotarians of various Nairobi and overseas clubs and their spouses and invited guests - among them 26 ambassadors, high commissioners and charges d'affairs - as well as members of the local media, attended the event, which is traditionally organised by our club.

After the meeting was called to order by president Eric, DG Hamid Aboo thanked the organisers - our International Service Committee under the leadership of Rtn. Arthur Mattli - for holding the event and he invited our guest of honour and speaker, Lt. General Elijah Sumbeiywo, Chairman of the Sudanese Peace Talks, to address the crowd. His speech was indeed very inspiring. He was thanked by PDG Yusuf Kodwawwalla.

Congratulations International Service Committee for a great World Understanding event, thank you, guest of honour, Lt. General Elijah Sumbeiywo, for inspiring us, thank you Rotarians and guests for attending in such great numbers and, last but not least, thank you Hotel Intercontinental for great food well presented!

To download our guest list, as well as the speech by DG Hamid, please log on to: [www.rotarynairobi.org](http://www.rotarynairobi.org).

**Summary and Abstract of Minutes of Board Meeting held on 31st January 2006.**

1. Amendments to RCN Constitution: Rtn. Omi Nagpal to review, consolidate and revise the RCN Constitution and By Laws.
2. RCN Trust Budget Funding: Khs. 2 Million in budgetary support, strictly for Community Service projects.
3. Finances and Budget: Fundraising Committee would raise Shs. 0.5 Mill. this year. A deficit of 1.8 Mill against the current budget would require reconciliation.
4. RCN bank accounts: Required urgent rationalisation, due to large number.
5. Barclays main account signatories: Were almost finalised.
6. Giro Bank and Chase Bank accounts: Needed urgent attention and a "clean up" exercise.
7. Fundraising: Committee should not be burdened with requirements of Community Service project line-up. More liaison and interaction needed between the Committees and the rest of the Club, for successful fundraising.
8. Relegation of Community Service projects to "self funded" status: Total projects value Shs 1,750,000.00 relegated.
9. Community Service Fundraising: Help should be sought from International Service that could secure international grants. U.S. Colorado Clubs had expressed interest in water projects.
10. Vocational Budget: Kshs. 250,000.00. Detail of expenditure pending.
11. Club Assemblies: 2nd February and 11th May, 2006.
12. RCN Directory: To be a simplified hard copy and not a CD. Would be self

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**DISTRICT NEWSLETTER**

The February issue of the newsletter can now be downloaded from:

[www.rotary9200.org/newsletters.asp](http://www.rotary9200.org/newsletters.asp)

**Next Meetings**

**Thursday, 2 March 2006, 12.30**

Club Meeting at Grand Regency

**Sgt-at-Arms:** Jonathan Campaigne/Nani Croze

**Event:** Today, we induct 2 new members into the club: Dr. Josephine Ojiambo and Mr. Ashif Kassam. And owing to travel commitments, the talk by our former member Colonel Shem Amadi on his Asmara and Disaster Management escapades has been postponed. Upon his return we will ask him to come back and talk to us...

**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, 9 March 2006, 12.30**

Club Meeting at Grand Regency

**Sgt-at-Arms:** Przemek Bobak/Valter Donati

**Speaker:** Mr. Colin Bruce, the World Bank Country Director checks in on this day and he will be talking on the topic **"Kenya Today and the Future - A World Bank Social, Political and Economic Perspective"**. With the current state of things in Kenya this is one of the most sought after speakers!

**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:	54%	66%
Feb 2, 2006	55%	
Feb 9, 2006	54%	
Feb 16, 2006	74%	
Feb 23, 2006	74%	

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- financing with expected revenue surplus of Shs. 100,000.00.
13. New nominees: Asif Kassim and Josephine Ojhiambo approved for induction.
  14. Attendance: July to December 2005 at 73%. Members with less than 25% would be subject to action.
  15. RCN History by Rtms. John and Friedel Savage: Almost complete and publisher was needed. The History should be a book rather than a digital disc and should not be published from the writers' resources.
  16. Paul Harris Fellows: Three more Rotarians were in the process.
  17. World Understanding Day: 23rd February 2006. John Sumbawe, the Kenyan envoy to the peace negotiations in Sudan, was Chief Guest. 150 pax expected.
  18. Swedish Doctors Bank: 10 Doctors expected in the next 6 weeks, giving a total of 30 plus, this year.
  19. Matching Grants: No change in status. All projects were pending closure due lack of final reports.
  20. Audited Accounts: 2003/4 ready for presentation. 2004/5 awaiting Board confirmation.
  21. RYLA: Project funds had been approved.
  22. PR and Significant Achievement Awards: SCAW project was nominated for proposal.
  23. D.G. Nomination: Sudesh Walia nominated as per invitation by D.G. Abdulhamid.

Romy Madan  
Secretary

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## Rotary A to Z

### Glossary of Rotary terms

[As compiled by DG Abdulhamid Aboo. Every week—space permitting—we will continue to bring you new Rotary terms. This A-Z will also be published on our website]

#### Committee, RI, Special

A non-mandatory committee that continues in existence until the end of each Rotary year in which it is appointed.

#### Committee, RI, Standing

A committee mandated in section 16.010. of the RI bylaws.

#### Community Service

Rotary's third Avenue of Service comprises varied efforts that Rotarians make, sometimes in conjunction with others (e.g., a Rotaract or Interact club or a Rotary Community Corps), to improve the quality of life for those who live within their club's locality or municipality.

#### Convention

Annual international meeting of Rotary International. Each May or June, Rotary International holds a worldwide convention "to stimulate, inspire and inform all Rotarians in an International level." It is the annual meeting to conduct the business of

the association. Its primary purpose is to inspire and inform Rotarians at an international level. Club delegates from around the world elect RI officers for the coming Rotary year, including the president and RI Board.

#### Council on Legislation

Rotary International's legislative body as provided for in article X of the RI constitution and article VIII of the RI bylaws. It is attended by a representative of the clubs of each district and meets every third year to deliberate and act upon proposed enactments and resolutions submitted by clubs, district conferences, the general council or conference of RIBI, the council on legislation, and the RI Board. Its actions in adopting legislation are subject to review by all clubs.

The next COL is in 2007.

#### Closed Meeting

Meeting held amongst members of the Rotary Club only. Visiting Rotarians and guests are politely asked to "leave if they so wished." Usually held once in three months, this gives an opportunity to the President to appraise members of any internal developments or difficulties that may have arisen. Members also get an opportunity to ask for clarifications and give suggestions on the working of the club.

To be continued...

## March Birthdays:

Manu Chandaria—1 March

Surendra Shah—1 March

Koome Mwambia—3 March

Mike Eldon—17 March

Zaf Khan—29 March

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.



## HAVE YOU REGISTERED?

For updated information and to download the registration forms, go to: [www.rotary9200.org/](http://www.rotary9200.org/) and click on Districtconference

## ROTARY CLUB OF NAIROBI

Founded Sep 11, 1930

Club No. 17261

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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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