



# RCN BULLETIN

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## World Peace

### RCN hosts World Understanding Day



President Ashok presents a lion carving to Prof. Steiner, who was our guest speaker at the World Understanding Day.

The Rotary Club of Nairobi, the oldest Rotary Club North of Limpopo and South of Sahara, celebrated the World Understanding day on the last Thursday of February 2009. This year, the day fell on February 26th 2009. It was to reflect from where we as a nation had come and where we are going.

This year we had the privilege of hosting Professor Jorge Steiner, professor Emeritus from the University of Berne, Professor Emeritus in Political Science at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. Professor Steiner has written 12 books, several chapters in other books and journals. His recent books are "Consociationalism and Corporatism in Western Europe". Still on "Politics of Accommodation and Deliberative Politics in Action". "Analyzing Parliamentary Discourse". He also teaches a Rotary course at the UNC Chapel Hill.

The Embassy of Switzerland arranged for Jorge Steiner's visit. We, at the Rotary Club of Nairobi were also hopeful that the Right Honourable Prime Minister of Kenya, Raila Odinga, would also attend and give his thoughts on the year that was. Unfortunately, he did not make due

to other pressing matters, but did send his apologies.

The Embassy of Switzerland, in partnership with The Kenya Association of Residents Associations (KARA) and Hans Seidel Foundation, had put together a programme for the Civil Society for the afternoon of February 25th. (The Rotary Club of Nairobi in collaboration with the University of Nairobi is trying to put together a course on Rotary and coalition systems to remind us of how near we were to a catastrophe).

The Nairobi Hilton was the venue of the lunch meeting, which was very well attended. Ambassadors from various countries were present and so were other dignitaries from all walks of life. Rotarians from RCN and other clubs were also present in large numbers.

Our guest speaker, Prof. Steiner gave a very enlightening talk on Accommodation and Deliberative Politics in Action.

We take this opportunity to thank the WUD committee headed by our very able President Ashok and Rtn. Sylvia. They worked very hard to make sure the day was a resounding success. We also thank all who attended and ask you to keep it up.

### Rotary Month

March is  
Rotary History  
Month.

### RCN Website

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

### Attendance Update

#### M = Thursday Fellowships

Jan. 08th '09	76%
Jan. 22nd '09	75%
Jan. 29th '09	60%
Feb 12th '09	83%
Feb 26th '09	85%
Mar 12th '09	73%

### Next Meetings...

Thursday,  
March 19th, 26th 2009  
@ 12.30p.m.

Club Meeting Venue:  
Laico Regency

*All are Welcome.*

## FOR SALE!

Prime Residential Land  
for SALE. Karen/Langata  
10.1 acres on Kisembe Road  
to be sold as a block.  
Water & electricity on site.  
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**ROTARY CLUB OF NAIROBI**

Founded Sept. 11, 1930  
Club No. 17261  
P.O. Box 41181-00100  
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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**Visiting Rotarians, 26th Feb 2009**

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**Guests of Rotarians**

Rtn's Dan & Patty Schmelzer's guest were Fr. Ignatius Ikunza from Hakimani Centre, Dr. Joseph Ochola and Bernard Maleya a student, Rtn. Kevin Mududa's guest was Ms. Megan MacDonald a Rotary Scholar, Rtn. John McWilliams's guest were his spouse Mrs. Joanna McWilliam and Margaret Kosgei from FHI, Rtn. Roland Ramamonjisoa's guest was H.E Aden Housen Abdillahi Ambassador of Djibouti, PP Presidents Jerry Owuor's guest was his Spouse Mrs. Mary Owuor, Rtn. Malinda Wheeler's guest was Mr. Tewolde Gebemeskel from Quest Net, Honorary member Mrs. Renate Lotay's guest was Katharina Hillen, Rtn. Atia Yahya's guest was Prof. Haroun Othman from University of Daresaalam, Rtn. Rose Simba's guest was Joyce Mukuri an advocate and Rtn. Omurembe Iyadi's guest was Mr. Erick Ananda from Trinity Prime.

Rtn. Darsi Lotay was the Sergeant at Arms and raised Kshs.17,000/-  
The World Understanding & Peace Day guest speaker was Professor Joerg Steiner.



*President Ashok Shah*

**Visiting Rotarians, March 5th 2009.**

Rtn's. Mr. and Mrs. Arthur and Barbara Brooker from RC St.James France, and rotaractor Brian Mwanjila from Rotaract Club Nairobi Central.

**Guests of Rotarians**

PDG Mohammed Abdullah's guest was Mr. Douglas Wafula from R.C.C Mathare and President Elect John Konchellah's guest was Mr. Joseph Naitipa from an N.G.O.

**Rotarians welcome back**

Rtn. Nick Hutchinson, Rtn. Valter Donati, Rtn. Erick Krystal, Rtn. Joshi Mukesh, Rtn. Nani Croze Rtn Kanu Devani was the Sergeant At Arms and raised Kshs. 4050/-

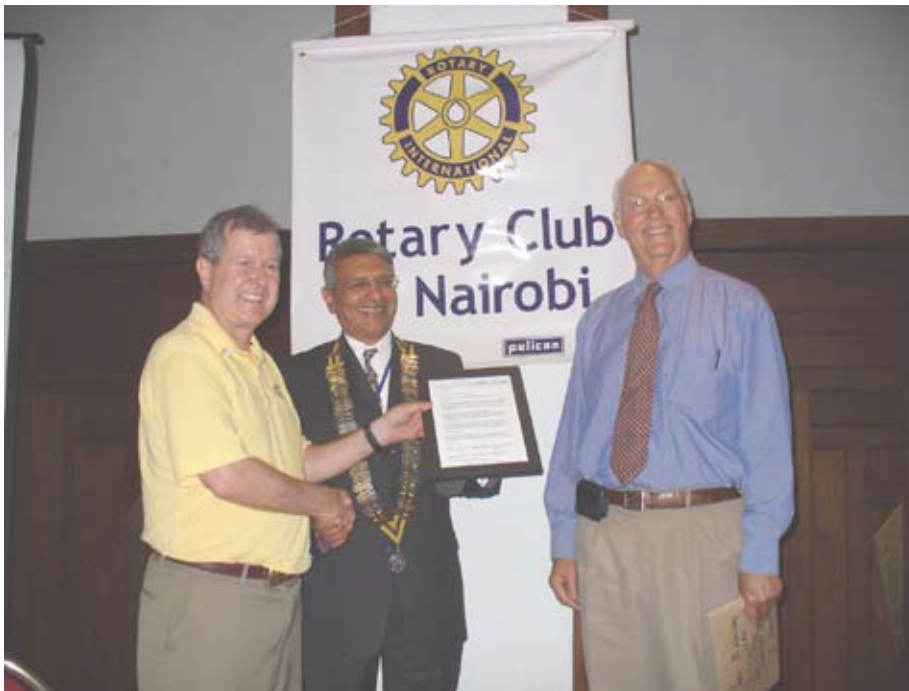
Our guest speaker was Ms. Jacquie Resley. A leading campaigner for the provision of better services in the city. Jacquie spoke to us about the Nairobi Metropolitan Plan. She boasts an illustrious resume and she played an instrumental role in the design of that building we all identify Nairobi with - KICC.

**Induction**



*President Ashok Shah conducts the induction of Mr. Larry Donahoo and is assisted by DG Kaushik Manek. Rtn. Donahoo is now the newest member of RCN. Mr. Donahoo an Engineer and has undertaken many big projects all over the world before he finally came to Kenya. He current undertaking various projects locally and we are sure his profession will come in handy in Rotary. We welcome Mr. Donahoo to RCN.*

## Help at Hand for our Children



Rtn. Alan McIngram of SCORE presents a certificate to President Ashok, while Rtn. John McWilliam looks on. SCORE is an organisation which helps children around the world by providing treated mosquito nets and other amenities to help child survival.

## Message from the District Governor - 2009 District Conference and Assembly

**G**reetings to you in Rotary!  
I am glad to note that I am nearing the completion of my official visits to the Clubs. During the visits all Club members have promised me that they will attend the 84th District Conference & Assembly in large numbers, going by the 4 Way Test.

It is my pleasure to officially announce that the venue of the 84th District Conference & Assembly has been changed from the Kenyatta International Conference Center (KICC) to the ultra modern facilities of the United Nations Complex in Nairobi. Please note that all the registration fees will remain unaffected. The District Conference Committee has stepped up the

gear in the preparations. In due course you will be receiving finer details and related announcements on the Conference from the Conference Chairman James Gachui and his Committee.

I would like to remind all Rotarians and Guests to take advantage of the early registration deadline to register. I look forward to hosting you all to a memorable District Conference and Assembly from 13th to 16th May 2009.

Best regards and God Bless,

DG Kaushik Manek

*For Your  
Diary...*

**Thursday, 17th March 2009**

'Know Thyself ' so said Socrates centuries ago. Our guest speaker on Thursday, 19 March 2009 takes us on a journey of self discovery. Njoki Muhoho one of the leading management gurus in Kenya and the region will further guide us on how to appreciate others and tackle personality differences upon acquiring knowledge of the self.

**“10m Kenyans still  
faced with Major  
Starvation!”**



**F**ellow Rotarians, as you may already know, our country is faced with a very grim Food situation. More than 10m Kenyans are faced with real starvation due to crop failure in the last 2 seasons, coupled by the post election crisis - which affected food production in the country. Grim news is coming from the most productive parts of Kenya, to the effect that people in those areas are seeking relief food!. One can only imagine the situation in the less productive areas of the country.

As always, we Rotarians will not sit back and watch this grim situation unfold. This a special appeal to all Rotarians, regardless of your club to come together and see where we can urgently help, in whatever shape and form, to help our fellow Kenyans get through this Famine.

# Say it with Pictures!

## BRIEF PROFILE OF COMMUNITY SERVICE PROJECT.

As part of our endeavour to educate RCN members and Rotarians in general of ongoing projects being undertaken by RCN, herewith below is one of our major project.

### Jacaranda School & Workshop

The Jacaranda Workshop was started in 1982 to provide training and employment to mentally handicapped adults graduating from the Jacaranda Special School. To date, the workshop has successfully managed to train and employ over 60 ex-jacaranda school graduates and assisted them to improve their self-esteem. The workshop is to provide employment to those it is improbable that they can find employment elsewhere.

Students at the workshop fabricate costume jewellery and the like or any other trade or vocation and to provide them with employment in such trade or vocation. The centre fosters an enabling working environment for persons with mental handicap for their personal rehabilitation and employment. It assists them to be self-reliant, improve their self-esteem and human worth and integrate them into society.

Its current customers include Ten Thousand Villages a Mennonite Church organization from North America that buys handicrafts specifically from disadvantaged groups in the Third World and The Body Shop International.



Rotarians and guests get ready for the World Understanding day celebrations to start.



Rtn's Dan Schmelzr's of RC Vihiga guests were Fr. Ignatius Ikunza from Hakimani Centre and Dr. Joseph Ochola.



Guests and fellow Rotarians serve lunch at the Hilton, where the WUD was held.



Rtn. Waiyaki Hinga and Friedel Liebe-Savage exchange pleasantries at the WUD celebrations.



Prof. Steiner meets fellow Rotarians at the same celebrations.

Enjoy Early Booking Discounts

**Register Now!**

"I personally invite all Rotarians to attend the 84th Rotary District 9200 Conference & Assembly on May 13-16, 2009 at the UN Conference Centre Gigiri, Nairobi"

- DG Kaushik Manek

