



### President's Corner

*Minutes of the meeting held on Thursday, 7th June 2007*

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**Visiting Rotarians:** Rtn. Josphat Mwaura from the Rotary Club of Nairobi North, President Elect Jane Adams from the Rotary Club of Karura, Rtn. Don Howard from the Rotary Club of Arvada Sunrise in Colorado USA, Rtn. Julius Riungu from the Rotary Club of Karura, President Mutula Kilonzo Junior from the Rotary Club of Langata.

**Guests of Rotarians:** Rtn. Dan Poenaru's guest was Mr. Bruce Steeffes from PAACS, PDG Mohamed Abdulla's guest was Ms. Upasama Mishra from AIESEC, Rtn. Josphat Mwaura's guests were Ms. Anne Ngethe and Ms. Monica Nderitu from Training Solutions, Rtn. Ashif Kassam's guest was Mr. Zool Nimji from Pioneer Holdings, Rtn. Juergen Ender's guest was his daughter Katrin Juergen, Rtn. Edward Kairu's guest was Dr. Gladys Tetteh from MSH, President Nominee Ashok Shah's guest was Ms. Eme Essien from the International Finance Corporation (IFC), PP Mike Klass's guest was his spouse Juliet Bugara, President Diamond Lalji's guests were Ms. Lynn Miller from Hand of God, Mr. Itotia Kihuria, Ms. Mugure Mburu and Ms. Susan Ombati from the Provisional Rotary Club of Parklands.

**Rotarians Welcome Back:** Rtn. Patrick Udeh, Rtn. Mike Burton, Rtn. Carmelo Cozzuza

Rtn. Malinda Wheeler was the **Sergeant At Arms** and raised Kshs.8,850.

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### Eyes for the Eye Bank

**Signing of MoU Between the Rotary Club of Nairobi and The Nairobi Hospital**

By Diamond Lalji

A historic event occurred this past Tuesday, 12th June 2007 when the Rotary Club of Nairobi and The Nairobi Hospital signed a Memorandum of Understanding to establish the first fully functional Eye Bank in this part of Africa at The Nairobi Hospital. Present was Dr. Cleopa Mailu the Chief Executive Officer of The Nairobi Hospital, Honorary Member Dr. Mukesh Joshi and his very able assistant Avneet, Rtn. Sally Gitoho who is also the Director of Strategy and Business Development at the hospital, Ms. Wangechi Wanjohi from Prime Bank, Kevin Mududa, members of the media and your President here.



The signing ceremony was attended by (from left to right) Dr. Cleopa Mailu the Chief Executive Officer of The Nairobi Hospital, president Diamond Lalji, Honorary Member Dr. Mukesh Joshi and (not in picture) his very able assistant Avneet, Rtn. Sally Gitoho who is also the Director of Strategy and Business Development at the hospital, Ms. Wangechi Wanjohi from Prime Bank and Kevin Mududa.

In principal it was agreed that The Nairobi Hospital will house the Eye Bank and assist the Rotary Club of Nairobi in public awareness while our very own Rotary oph-

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### Next Meetings

Thursday, June 21, 2007, 12.30pm:

**Club Assembly & Meeting at Grand Regency**

**Event:** On this day, we will be having the final Club Assembly. Directors will present reports of projects and activities undertaken and you will have an opportunity to ask questions and air your views.



**We are on the web:**

[www.rotarynairobi.org](http://www.rotarynairobi.org)

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

### Attendance Update

M=Thursday Fellowship

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

	M	TTL
Avg Jul 06	79%	
Avg Aug 06	70%	
Avg Sep 06	73%	
Avg Oct 06	69%	
Avg Nov 06	76%	
Avg Dec 06	73%	
Avg Jan 06	64%	
Avg Feb 06		
Avg Mar 06		
May 3	62%	
May 10	73%	
May 17	73%	
May 24	71%	
May 31	73%	
June 07	75%	
June 14	68%	

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thamologist Dr. Joshi and Dr. (Mrs.) Mehta will train 2 theatre assistants. Our club (through a Matching Grant/3H Grant from The Rotary Foundation and local individual and corporate donors) will provide the equipment to set up the Eye Bank.

An Eye Bank is a non-profitable institution that deals in human eye tissue by collection and processing of donor assessment, preserving the eye and carrying out research on the eye.



At the function, our Honorary Joshi informed us that Kenya has a high incidence of Keratoconus which at the meeting will briefly explain what it is. an eye cataract operation he the years performed thousands of operations at various sites from his clinic at Sarit Centre to several towns in Kenya. He has also performed them at The Nairobi Hospital and expressed gratitude to the hospital for providing free facilities and accommodation.

Armed with a giant eye ball Dr. Joshi spoke fervently about his work and demonstrated to us the various parts of the eyes. We then sang the Memorandum of Understanding between our club and the hospital on the proposed eye bank and after the usual pleasantries we got into serious business on the next course of action in establishing the eye bank.

About \$100,000 is needed to put up the bank and already plans are underway to approach potential sponsors. In the ensuing days and weeks we will approach members for assistance in soliciting for support from various corporate organizations.

On the collection of eyes for the bank Honorary Member Dr. Joshi told us that after ones demise, the eyes are of no use and should be donated. "If a person is able to see the world through your eyes, you are leaving behind something fruitful to this world." Said a passionate Dr. Joshi. He said a public awareness campaign through the media will be launched to sensitise people on this.

This campaign will be conducted in tandem with the launch of the Eye Bank. His office has developed pledge forms for this and at yesterday's meeting your President here pledged his eyes to the eye bank! And its really simple, a person can pledge their eyes for donation before death. After death, the next of kin can sign the consent for the donation of eyes. The Rotary Eye Bank will be informed at The Nairobi Hospital where a technician or ophthalmologist will collect the eyes. Once the cornea is collected, then a special type of contact lens of artificial eye is put on the deceased person.

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## Guest Speaker

The guest speaker was Mr. Samuel Kivuitu the Chairman of the Electoral Commission of Kenya (ECK). The ECK is the sole election management body for presidential, parliamentary and civic elections in Kenya. He was born on 16th February in 1939 in Nairobi and is a graduate of London University where he undertook a Bachelors of Laws degree and graduated with Honours in 1964.

In a witty and acerbic speech titled "Presentation on Preparations Undertaken by ECK to Facilitate Free and Fair 2007 Elections" Mr. Kivuitu touched on various issues on the upcoming General Elections.

On free and fair elections he said they legitimize leadership and ensures leaders exercise their powers with the electorate at heart and that they enhance people's confidence in the newly elected government, leaders and parliament.

He also spoke on the review of parliamentary constituencies and local government electoral areas and informed the meeting that the ECK had carried a survey on electoral boundaries and its findings found out that an increase in the number of parliamentary constituencies was needed so as to bring about equitable and meaningful parliamentary representation.

Mr. Kivuitu who was admitted as an advocate of the High Court of Kenya in 1968 said that polling stations will be increased in the upcoming elections so as to be fairly distributed and accessible to all. He said they have been increased from 14,114 to 20,652.

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## RI Board approves Strategic Plan 2007-10

At its June meeting, the RI Board approved a new mission, vision, and set of core values for Rotary International, reaffirmed that Rotary's motto is Service Above Self, and adopted the priorities and goals established in the organization's 2007-10 Strategic Plan.

Rotary's new mission reads: The mission of Rotary International, a worldwide association of Rotary clubs, is to provide service to others, to promote high ethical standards, and to advance world understanding, goodwill, and peace through its fellowship of business, professional, and community leaders.

The vision of Rotary International is to be universally recognized for its commitment to Service Above Self to advance world understanding, goodwill, and peace.

Recognizing the role that core values play in driving the direction of the organization and the actions of members, the Board approved the following values as Rotary's guiding principles: Service, fellowship, diversity, integrity, and leadership.

"These core values are all reflected in The Four Way Test," said 2007-08 RI President Wilfrid J. Wilkinson. "By adopting a specific set of core values in the strategic plan, we can provide Rotarians with more explicit standards to guide and evaluate their actions."

In addition, the Board approved the following seven priorities as recommended by the RI Strategic Planning Committee:

- **Eradicate polio**
- **Advance the internal and external recognition and public image of Rotary**
- **Increase Rotary's capacity to provide service to others**
- **Expand membership globally in both numbers and quality**
- **Emphasize Rotary's unique vocational service commitment**
- **Optimize the use and development of leadership talents within RI**
- **Fully implement the strategic planning process to ensure continuity and consistency throughout the organization.**

Each priority is supported by a set of goals and success indicators to measure progress being made. Look for brochures, presentations, plan implementation progress reports, strategic planning models and guidelines for clubs and districts, and other information on the strategic plan in RI publications and on the Web site in upcoming months.



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On voter registration and the revision of voter registrars he said registration is scheduled for June and July 2007 and an inspection of the voter's register in late July and August. He added that the registration is targeting over 3 million new voters. Chairman Kivuitu who has been to parliament twice between 1969 and 1974 and then again between 1983 and 1988 also spoke on the procurement of election materials and services, the review of election publications, voter education training of personnel, and attempts at legislative reforms, budgetary provisions where he mentioned that the commission had requested for Kshs.8 billion for this year's General Election which will include the direct election of mayors and county council chairs. He also spoke on the steps the commission has taken to curb electoral violence.

After his speech, PP John Simba gave the vote of thanks and he recapped on some of the issues discussed and queried the chairman if he is seeking legislation to give the ECK more teeth to deal with electoral violence.

Thereafter President Diamond Lalji presented a framed copy of Rotary's 4-Way Test to Mr. Samuel Kivuitu and a glass bowl made by Kitemanga Glass.

## Minutes of the meeting held on Thursday, 14th June 2007

**Visiting Rotarians:** Rtn. Nick Bore from the Rotary Club of Langata, Rtn. Bob Kerr from the Rotary Club of Nairobi South, Rtn. Michael Cox from Atlanta Georgia West End, Rtn. Naima Amir from the Rotary Club of Milimani.

**Guests of Rotarians:** PP Stephen Mwenesi's guest was Ms. Elizabeth Lwanga the UNDP Resident Representative in Kenya, Dr. Mukesh Joshi's guests were his spouse Mrs. Mira Joshi, Mr. Martin Oduor-Otieno the CEO of the Kenya Commercial Bank, Mr. Steve Maina from AAR, Dr. Tejas Shah, Dr. Mrs. Mehta, Lilian Waringa from Unilever, Mr. Steve Maina, his wonderful Personal Assistant Ms. Avneet, his colleagues Alia, Josephine, Kirti, Rtn. Sally Gitoho's guest was Dr. Cleopa Mailu the Nairobi Hospital CEO, President Diamond Lalji's guests were Mr. Bernhard Martens, Mr. Itotia Kihuria from the Provisional Rotary Club of Parklands, Mr. Mouyart Michel, PDG Mohamed Abdulla's guests were Mr. Henry Migoya and Mr. Bernard Lugendo both from Mathare RCC and Mr. Bryon Eagon from AISEC Madison Wisconsin USA, Rtn. David Wafula's guests were Ms. Eme Essien from IFC and Dr. Gladys Tetteh from MSH, Rtn. Yusuf Keshavjee's guests were Mr. James Kiboka and Mr. Ndiga Kithae from Chevron, Rtn. Rose Simba's guests were Ms. Jackie Kenavi, Rtn. Omurembe Iyadi's guest was Ms. Susan Mungiriia.

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## What is ANCHOR?

**ANCHOR will be one of the beneficiaries of our KiliClimb. We asked PP Eric Krystall, what is ANCHOR and what does it do?**

"**ANCHOR** stands for: Africa Network for Children Orphaned and at Risk. This year has seen the beginning of Rotarians taking the lead in providing global leadership in the prevention of HIV/AIDS, and to meet the needs of the most vulnerable orphans and children in our midst. The **ANCHOR** Program works with communities and children through provision of nutritional support, school fees, supplies, and uniforms. A big focus is also on building capacity of communities to take care of these children. The Mathare RCC is a great example. 13 members of the Mathare RCC were trained by HOPE worldwide. RCC then went on to start 29 Kidz Clubs that serve 914 Orphans and Vulnerable Children in the Mathare Community."



PDG Mohamed Abdulla-Patron of Mathare RCC addresses the gathering at Kidz Clubs launch



## Mount Kilimanjaro Climb on 28 August 2007

### "Giving Support for 250 AID Orphans"

Our club and other Nairobi clubs will be joining Australian and South African climbers in seeking sponsorship for Kenyan Rotarians and their friends to climb Mount Kilimanjaro in late August 2007. Rotarians David Wafula, Romy Madan and others have already volunteered to climb.

Kenyan-born John Glassford (you can read about him in the April 2007 Rotarian, Page 34-5) will lead the climb. The Kenyan beneficiaries from the proceeds of this climb include RFFA Kenyan Orphan Rescue and ANCHOR, our own AIDS orphans project.

**Mt. Kilimanjaro Climb**  
Raising Funds  
for AIDS ORPHANS in Kenya

Our target: Support for 250 AIDS orphans!

**Sponsorship Ideas:**

Gold	KES 5,000/-
Silver	KES 10,000/-
Gold	KES 20,000/-
Platinum	KES 50,000/-
Titanium	KES 100,000/-

(Mt. Kilimanjaro is 19,340 feet high)

Individuals, clubs, families, companies  
Gratified if any amount donated, no donation too small

For further information, contact:  
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YES! I/we want to sponsor the Kili Climb:

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☐ I/we will donate KES \_\_\_\_\_ and pay by cheque

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Aidil Hassan, Treasurer  
c/o Rotary Club of Nairobi  
P.O. Box 4181-00100

(Every \$1000 helps to change a life - THANK YOU!)

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[www.rotarynairobi.org/documents/kiliclimb.pdf](http://www.rotarynairobi.org/documents/kiliclimb.pdf)  
Project website:  
[www.coolamonrotary.com/kili/](http://www.coolamonrotary.com/kili/)

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Gold—Kshs.20,000/-  
Platinum—Kshs.50,000/-  
Titanium—Kshs.100,000/-

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**Rotarians welcomed back:** Rtn. Hari Nathwani.

Rtn. Barry Muluka was the **Sergeant At Arms** and raised Kshs.7,300.

## Announcements

- Rtn. Moh'd Rahemtulla announced about a Community Service Committee meeting after lunch.
- President Diamond Lalji presented a Rotary tie to Mr. Bernhard Martens for his work with the Dutch branch of the Rotary Doctors Bank.
- President Diamond Lalji presented Paul Harris Fellowship ribbons, certificate and materials to Rtn. Mari Nelson and Rtn. Ashif Kassam. Prior to this he read the Paul Harris citation "in appreciation of tangible and significant assistance given for the furtherance of better understanding and friendly relations among peoples of the world".

## Guest Speaker

The guest speaker was Ms. Pamela Slutz the Deputy Chief of Mission at the Embassy of the United States of America, a career Foreign Service Officer, who took up her duties as the deputy chief of mission at the U.S. Embassy in Nairobi, Kenya on October 19, 2006. She is a graduate of Hollins University (B.A., Politics) and the University of Hawaii (M.A., Asian Studies and Political Science), where she was also an East-West Center Fellow and speaks French, Indonesian, and Mandarin.

She was introduced by Rtn. Nick Hutchinson. She mentioned that she was new to Kenya and East Africa in general having previously served in Kinshasa, Zaire, Jakarta, Indonesia, Shanghai, China and the American Institute in Taiwan. Prior to her Kenyan posting she was the U.S. Ambassador to Mongolia from 2003-2006.

She began by appreciating the work Rotary is doing and expressed an interest in joining. She was pressed by the Eye Bank and members have do-banks back in the informed the meeting entirely home to about ing the country and

The Deputy Chief of about the remittan from the US a significant contribu- The bulk of US aid to towards HIV/AIDS. has been an increase Kenya.

On insecurity she said the US operating premise was that there needs to be adequate security for its partnership with Kenya to prosper and mentioned the rising levels of crime committed with impunity. She said the two countries are working together at committing considerable resources at fighting crime and terrorism. To support this, Ms. Slutz mentioned the recent trip by Kenya's Minister for Internal Security Hon. John Michuki to the US where some \$14 million was pledged for law enforcement.

On law she said her government was working with the Attorney General's Chambers to train and strengthen the criminal justice system. The Deputy Chief of Mission recommended that Kenya needed legislation that looks at plea bargaining. She encouraged Americans resident in Kenya to register with the embassy. She also talked about the upgrading of the status of JKIA which will eventually result in direct flights to the US. This, she said, will assist in various sectors like tourism and horticulture as Americans were interested in fresh flowers from Kenya. The number of US visa applicants from Kenya has increased and the embassy will soon deploy a new visa counselor.

After her presentation President Diamond Lalji presented a glass famed copy of Rotary's 4-Way Test to her along with a present made by Kitengela Glass.

## FOR YOUR DIARY

**June 23rd: Installation Dinner of RC Westlands.**

A sumptuous dinner has been arranged accompanied by good music by Them Mushrooms band and disco. Dr. Frank G. Njenga - Consultant Psychiatrist will be the guest speaker.

**Where?** Nairobi Club

**When?** 7pm

**Please contact President-elect Charles Opondo for details.**



## SERVICE Above Self

### ROTARY CLUB OF NAIROBI

Founded Sep 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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